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***Summit County Court of Common Pleas General Division
Updates Local Rules***

Summit County, Ohio: Judge Amy Corrigan Jones, Administrative Judge of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas General Division, announced today the General Division judges have approved several Local Rule updates.

The updated Local Rules can be found on the Court's website at:

https://www.summitcpcourt.net/app/uploads/2020/11/Felony_Appointment_Local_Rule.pdf

The Court adopted revisions to the Local Rules in accordance with the new felony lawyer appointment process whereby indigent defendants charged with a felony have a lawyer appointed by the Common Pleas Court. The new process promotes enhanced indigent representation, while providing a cost savings to Summit County.

"The General Division Judges unanimously agree it is our obligation to promote effective assistance of counsel by appointing and monitoring felony indigent representation and with so many other benefits, the new process is a tremendous enhancement," explained Corrigan Jones.

"We went through a system wide analysis to improve Summit County's felony lawyer appointment process, with guidance from state and local officials in order to meet the obligation to protect individual rights in the criminal justice system and the revisions to our Local Rules are a result of this improved process," concluded Corrigan Jones.

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