



STATE OF NEW YORK  
UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM  
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SUPREME COURT

Civil Term  
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**LAWRENCE KNIPEL**  
Administrative Judge for Civil Matters  
Supreme Court, Kings County

March 8, 2021

**RE: Recommencement of Jury Trials**

The Civil Term of the New York State Supreme Court in Brooklyn will recommence courthouse jury trials on March 22, 2021.

Safety is our primary concern. Extraordinary precautions have been taken to insure the safety of all participants. Strict social distancing will be maintained during jury assembly, selection and trials. Physical space will be deeply cleaned, adequately ventilated and plexiglassed. PPE, temperature checking and health information will be required of all participants.

While working in a newly minted, virtual environment, the Civil Term of the Supreme Court in Kings County has processed an amazing 18,500 matters since April 30, 2020. It is anticipated that similar success will now attend the accumulated backlog of in-person jury trials.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lawrence Knipel".

Hon. Lawrence Knipel  
Administrative Judge for Civil Matters

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