

STATE OF NEW YORK

Hon. Craig J. Doran
Supreme Court Justice



Seventh Judicial District
Administrative Judge

MEMORANDUM

To: 7th Judicial Judges, Chief Clerks and Town & Village Court Clerks

From: Hon. Craig Doran

Date: June 16, 2021

Re: Arraignments

In response to Chief Judge DiFiore's call to return to in-person arraignments in all courts throughout the State, the Seventh Judicial District will begin a phased-in approach commencing on Monday, June 21, 2021 with the start of Term VII. Courts currently conducting arraignments in-person shall continue to do so.

On Monday, June 21, 2021 arraignments in all City Courts in the Seventh Judicial District will be conducted with the defendant, counsel and the judge present. Thereafter, on Monday June 28, 2021 all Superior Court arraignments will be conducted in-person in the same fashion. Finally, on Monday July 5, 2021 the Town & Village courts will conduct all of their arraignments in-person.

The requirement that arraignments be conducted in-person applies equally to arraignments conducted in traditional courtrooms as well as those conducted in Centralized Arraignment Parts. Furthermore, the requirement that permission be sought from the Administrative Judge before an in-custody defendant is produced to a courthouse is no longer applicable to arraignments.