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I have prepared a district court schedule for the 2021 calendar year. These last nine months have taught us to plan and be prepared for sudden change. The schedule does not reflect changes in court operations that have been ordered through January 14th as a result of current conditions of viral spread in our community. Additional changes may be necessary in the immediate future, but I wanted to provide everyone with a framework for court operations in the coming year.

Some significant changes to operations are reflected in the schedule and I would like to draw your attention to them.

Civil Domestic Violence: We will continue to schedule two concurrent sessions of court for domestic violence protection order hearings. Beginning January 11, 2021, one session will be entirely remote and is indicated on the schedule as 4130R DVCV. The concurrent session will be in-person and is indicated on the schedule as 4110 DVCV. Judges assigned to 4110 and 4310 are assigned to both courtrooms for the specified week and will split the week between the two courtrooms. The judge listed as assigned will be in the assigned courtroom Monday-Wednesday and will be assigned to the alternate courtroom Thursday and Friday of the week. Specific operations guidance is set forth in a separate memorandum attached.

First Appearance: First appearance hearings will be heard via WebEx using the URL: <https://nccourts.webex.com/meet/MeckWebA.sh>. This session is indicated on the schedule as 4150 FA. All cases for first appearance will be scheduled in this session, including: B, C and D dockets. *Courtroom 4150 will be opened for the judge and deputy clerk to conduct the hearings inside the courtroom.*

Felony Probable Cause and Bond Hearings: Felony Probable Cause and Bond Hearings (the A docket) will be scheduled in 1150. This session is indicated on the schedule as 1150 PC.

Courtroom 4170 will be used to schedule remote criminal pleas on Mondays and Probation hearings on Tuesdays. While there are no immediate plans to schedule criminal arraignments and trials for in-person sessions, this courtroom will be available for this purpose when the Key Court Officials determine that it is safe to schedule those sessions.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth T. Trosch
Chief District Court Judge

