

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: 32<sup>nd</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT : NO. 5120-17  
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*In-person Formal Criminal Arraignments* :   
*Canceled* :

**EMERGENCY ORDER CANCELING *IN-PERSON* FORMAL CRIMINAL  
ARRAIGNMENTS**

AND NOW, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, this court having declared in the 32<sup>nd</sup> judicial district (Delaware County) a judicial emergency pursuant to such an order of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court authorizing the same,<sup>1</sup> as well as Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(1), and this court thus having those authorities detailed under Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(2)(a-s), it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** in consultation with the criminal liaison judge that **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY** and continuing through and including **APRIL 14, 2020**, **ALL *in-person* formal, criminal arraignments before the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas SHALL be CANCELED.**<sup>2</sup>

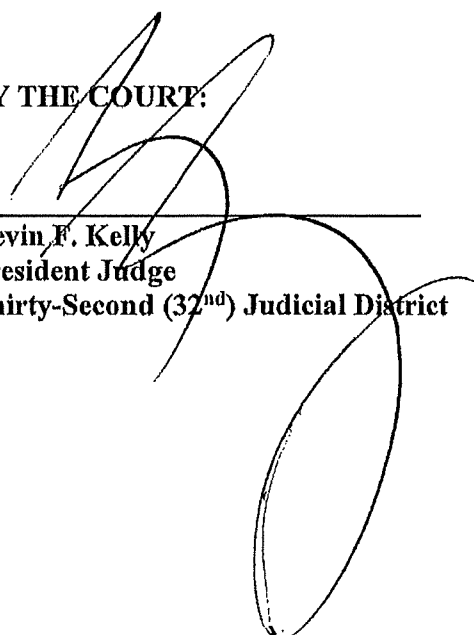
The Delaware County Criminal Court Administrator's Office **SHALL CONTINUE** to accept and process in accord with that office's such salient protocols and/or applicable local rules written waivers of arraignment proffered by counsel on behalf of his or her client(s).<sup>3</sup>

The Office of the Delaware County Criminal Court Administrator **SHALL** also **CONTINUE** to conduct weekly video conferencing formal arraignments of those defendants incarcerated consistent with that office's material protocols and/or any such applicable local rules.<sup>4</sup>

That directed above as subsequent material circumstances warrant and/or it otherwise believes appropriate may be revisited by this court and modified to meet the evolving concerns presented by the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis.

To the extent possible and practical under the material circumstances, notice of this order has been and/or will promptly be posted about the Delaware County courthouse, including but not limited to the complex's entry doors, the Delaware County Office of Judicial Support, the Court Administrator's Office of Delaware County, the Criminal Court Administrator's Office, the court's website, all magisterial district court facilities within Delaware County, the Delaware County Bar Association's website, published in the legal periodical designated by this court for such notices, and submitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts ("AOPC") for posting on the Commonwealth's Unified Judicial System's website per Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(C)(5).<sup>5</sup>

**BY THE COURT:**



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**Kevin F. Kelly  
President Judge  
Thirty-Second (32<sup>nd</sup>) Judicial District**

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<sup>1</sup> See Order dated March 16, 2020 – Pennsylvania Supreme Court, No. 531 Judicial Administration Docket. See also Emergency Declaration dated March 17, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> See Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(2)(d)(h)(q).

<sup>3</sup> See Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(2)(d)(h)(q).

<sup>4</sup> See Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(2)(d)(h)(q).

<sup>5</sup> See Order dated March 16, 2020 – Supreme Court No. 531 Judicial Administration District.