

Waiver Trial Program Protocol

This protocol addresses custody waiver cases currently scheduled for trial in the Court of Common Pleas:

One or two Major/Homicide Judges have been assigned to each waiver room to assist with conducting more waiver trials during the pandemic. The volume for each waiver room is what dictates the need for one or two judges.

Criminal Listings will create separate buckets for each Judge in their respective courtroom labeled as “**Waiver Trial Program**” this way the cases can be distinguished from the regular calendar list and allow the ability to track the productivity and statistics of this project.

Cases currently scheduled in the Waiver rooms for March 2021 dates and beyond, will be rescheduled for a *Status Hearing* in the “**Waiver Trial Program**” bucket before the assigned Major/ Homicide Judge(s), beginning Monday, January 4, 2021. The judges are free to schedule the matters for trials in their respective courtrooms on dates consistent on the availability of the defendant and all necessary parties.

It is imperative that all court proceedings through final disposition, remain in the designated “Waiver Trial Program” calendar buckets.

Below are the number of active local custody cases currently scheduled in the waiver rooms for each month, as of December 18, 2020. As indicated in the charts below, Judge DeFino-Nastasi will be assigned cases from 604, Judges Ehrlich & Scott will be assigned cases from 704, Judges O’Keefe & Clemons will be assigned cases from 804 and Judge S. Johnson will be assigned cases from 904.

DeFino- Nastasi	
Room 604	
Jan	8
Feb	4
March	3
Total	15

Dec 2020	22
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Ehrlich & Scott	
Room 704	
Jan	30
Feb	23
March	5
April	7
May	4
June	2
Total	71

Dec 2020	42
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O’Keefe & Clemons	
Room 804	
Jan	33
Feb	8
March	1
Total	42

Dec 2020	28
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S. Johnson	
Room 904	
Jan	20
Feb	5
April	1
Total	26

Dec 2020	18
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