

General Sessions Remote Hearings in Charleston County

General Sessions will hold remote video hearings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Pleas will be conducted on Mondays and Wednesdays and will be limited to 20 defendants per day. Pursuant to the Court Operations Order from the Chief Justice, dated April 3, 2020, plea hearings must be consented to by the prosecutor and defendant. We are only able to accept time served pleas for out of custody defendants.

If you would like a plea scheduled, please email a completed Plea Acknowledgement form to James Milone (JMilone@charlestoncounty.org) and Jennifer Mason (JMason@charlestoncounty.org) and copy opposing counsel. Please let us know if a victim will be attending the hearing.

Bond hearings will usually be conducted on Fridays and will be limited to 15 defendants per day. However, to utilize available court time, bonds may be scheduled on the Mondays or Wednesday as time allows. Bond hearings will only be scheduled after a motion has been filed with the Clerk of Court. If you would like a bond hearing scheduled, please email a request to James Milone (JMilone@charlestoncounty.org) and Jennifer Mason (JMason@charlestoncounty.org) and copy opposing counsel. If a victim is involved, the solicitor must consent to have the motion heard in adherence to the Victim's Bill of Rights.

Attorneys are responsible for providing meeting links to the defendant and any victims who will be attending.

In order to maintain the integrity of the court proceedings, please do not post the video conference links on a public websites or social media.

Media Request must be submitted to the Clerk of Court pursuant to Appellate Rule 605.

Common Pleas Hearing Requests

Please continue to submit your requests for status conferences, settlement approvals, and emergency matters to the attention of Judge McCoy by communicating with her law clerk at jmccoyle@sccourts.org. Judge McCoy will make every attempt to accommodate hearings either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone – the mode will be determined on a case by case basis, and all of our resident judges are helping to ensure all matters are addressed in a timely manner.

Optional Filing Methods (General Sessions)

General Sessions filings that do not require a fee may be filed via email as a PDF attachment to gsfilings@charlestoncounty.org.

Emails must be sent from an SC Bar member from their primary email address listed in AIS.

Each email should pertain to only one defendant.

The subject should contain a description of the attachment(s) similar to what would appear to the right of the document caption.

Emails should include name and contact information of the submitting attorney.

Each pleading must be a separate PDF document.

Filings requiring a fee must be submitted through US Mail or via the drop box in the Judicial Center Lobby.

Optional Filing Methods (Family Court)

Family Court filings that do not require a fee may be filed via email as a PDF attachment to famctfilings@charlestoncounty.org.

Emails must be sent from an SC Bar member from their primary email address listed in AIS.

Each email should pertain to only one case.

The subject should contain a description of the attachment(s) similar to what would appear to the right of the document caption.

Emails should include name and contact information of the submitting attorney.

Each pleading must be a separate PDF document.

Filings requiring a fee must be submitted through US Mail or via the drop box in the Judicial Center Lobby.

Family Court Hearing Requests

Attorneys who would like to submit a request for a hearing via video conference must use the attached hearing request form. Please make sure the form is completed and signed by all parties before submitting to famctfilings@charlestoncounty.org. Once your email has been received, it will be sent to the duty judge for approval. Upon approval, the Clerk of Court office will schedule the hearing and notify the attorneys.