

17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MISDEMEANOR PLEA DOCKET

FOR ALL ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING INDIVIDUALS CHARGED WITH A MISDEMEANOR

Notice is hereby given to all attorneys representing individuals charged with a misdemeanor offense in Broward County and wishing to resolve their case. The 17th Judicial County Court will be organizing a docket to resolve such cases remotely. Cases may be resolved either by telephone or by using the zoom platform.

The requirements to place such a case on a docket are:

- 1. If the resolution is pursuant to a plea agreement between the state and the defendant, all parties and the defendant must stipulate to resolving the case remotely**
- 2. If the defendant is pleading open to the court, the defendant and defense counsel must stipulate to resolving the case remotely**
- 3. All necessary paperwork to resolve the case must be signed and completed prior to the case being heard by the court**
- 4. The Defendant must be present or a waiver of appearance and plea in absentia must be executed by the defendant and filed with the clerk of court**
- 5. All hearings will be conducted remotely, no face-to-face contact**
- 6. The clerk of court and court reporter will attend the hearings remotely**
- 7. If an interpreter is needed, it is the responsibility of defense counsel to arrange for the interpreter and the interpreter will be permitted to attend remotely**
- 8. Any attorney wishing to place a case on the docket for resolution shall contact Judge Christopher Pole by sending an email to divmh@17th.flcourts.org containing the style of the case, case number and contact information of the attorneys involved**
- 9. If the Court determines the case meets criteria, a date, time and mechanism of the hearing (phone or zoom) will be provided to all counsel**
- 10. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any case from this special docket**
- 11. Prior to the case being heard by the Court all efforts must be made for Defense counsel to contact the State Attorney's Office and enter into plea discussions**