

To: All Regular Felony and Misdemeanor Panel Attorneys – Criminal Courts

Re: Criminal Justice Center – New Calendaring Information Effective March 29, 2010.

Date: March 18, 2010

The Superior Court has asked us to alert all Felony and Misdemeanor Panel Attorneys of the following changes to the CJC calendar:

CJC will NOT convene at Polk Street in the mornings. Therefore a separate rotation of conflicts attorneys – one at the Hall of Justice and one at Polk Street – is not necessary at this time.

Clearly, it is difficult for our attorneys to simultaneously conduct business at the Hall of Justice and Polk Street. The Court has been working closely and collaboratively with a group of volunteer panel attorneys during the last month and as a consequence, the Court has responded to attorney and calendaring concerns raised at these meetings.

The following changes will take effect beginning March 29, 2010.

1. CJC will convene for **one hour only** each morning in **Department 23**, from **8:30 – 9:30 A.M** at the Hall of Justice for all in-custody CJC matters. (Matters previously heard by Judge Albers in Department 8 at the Hall of Justice will now be heard by Judge Giorgi from 8:30 – 9:30 each morning in Department 23.)
2. CJC's **afternoon calendar** will be called at **1:30 P.M.** daily at its Polk Street location instead of 1:00 P.M. so please make note of this change.
3. Only the **misdemeanor** conflicts panel attorney will be scheduled to appear at **1:30 P.M.** for the afternoon at Polk Street to accept misdemeanor appointments on his or her calendar date. Until we learn that a regular felony conflicts attorney is needed in the afternoon, the Court will rotate appointments among available attorneys present and qualified to accept felony appointments for any new felony case appearing on the afternoon calendar.
4. There will be a **“case conference”** for all open matters on the 1:30 P.M. afternoon calendar at **12:30 – 1:30 P.M. at CJC on Polk Street.** The CJC team, District Attorney and defense attorney can meet at this time to discuss treatment options and possible dispositions of the case. Judge Giorgi is not attending the case conferencing, but it is anticipated that the afternoon calendar will move more expeditiously if the attorneys and CJC team are provided with a time to meet. If you are unable to attend, you may call in for conferencing by dialing 415-202-2831. However, if everyone elects to “call in,” obvious difficulties will arise.
5. Some have asked for Carlos' telephone number at CJC on Polk Street. The number is: 415-551-3837.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as this new collaborative court continues to adjust and respond to the serve the interests of our clients and accommodate the concerns of panel attorneys.