

**NOTICE TO COUNSEL --- WEST PALM BEACH**  
**RE: MEETING WITH INCARCERATED DEFENDANTS**  
**BEFORE WPB DUTY COURT**

IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, DEFENSE COUNSEL WHO WISH TO MEET WITH THEIR CLIENT PRIOR TO MORNING (10:00 A.M.) DUTY COURT IN THE WEST PALM BEACH UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE CAN DO SO IN ONE OF TWO WAYS:

- 1) DEFENSE COUNSEL CAN MEET WITH THE CLIENT IN THE MARSHAL'S CELL BLOCK, AS HAS BEEN TRADITIONALLY DONE, SO LONG AS DEFENSE COUNSEL ARRIVES EARLY ENOUGH IN THE MORNING TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE U.S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE; OR
  
- 2) DEFENSE COUNSEL MAY USE THE VIDEO CONFERENCE (VTC) HOOKUP, OR THE TELEPHONE HOOKUP, FROM THE DUTY COURTROOM TO SPEAK WITH THE CLIENT. UNDER THIS PROCEDURE, DEFENSE COUNSEL WOULD BE IN THE COURTROOM AND WOULD BE PERMITTED TO SPEAK TO THE CLIENT WHILE THE CLIENT REMAINS IN THE CELL BLOCK. THE ONLY PERSONS WHO WILL BE IN THE COURTROOM DURING THIS ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED MEETING OR DISCUSSION WILL BE ANY NECESSARY COURT STAFF AND COURTROOM SECURITY OFFICERS. ANY DEFENSE COUNSEL WHO WISHES TO USE THIS PROCEDURE MUST CONTACT THE DUTY U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S CRD AT LEAST THE DAY BEFORE THE SCHEDULED COURT HEARING SO THAT THE NECESSARY LOGISTICAL ARRANGMENTS CAN BE MADE. ADDITIONALLY, DEFENSE COUNSEL WILL NEED TO BE IN THE COURTROOM BY NO LATER THAN 9:30 A.M. ON THE DAY OF THE HEARING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEDURE.

DATED APRIL 10, 2020

U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE DAVE LEE BRANNON

U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE WILLIAM MATTHEWMAN

U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE BRUCE E. REINHART