



**THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA**

STATE OF THE STATE:
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY JURY TRIALS AND HEARINGS
August 2021 Update

The Indian River County courthouse continues to run successfully on a modified schedule, based on the Florida Supreme Court guidelines that most hearings occur remotely, to lessen the number of people in the courthouse, while still moving cases forward. Currently, multiple counties outside of our circuit have had to cease in-person jury trials, due to an uptick of covid cases. We are attempting to keep our county courthouse open and will keep the below modified hybrid schedule until further notice. Per the most recent Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Administrative Order 2021-11, issued August 02, 2021:

(2)(A) In-Person Court Proceedings: The following proceedings must be conducted in-person, unless a remote civil or criminal jury selection proceeding or trial is authorized and approved pursuant to AOSC21-17 *Amendment 1*, Section II(E)(3):

- i. Non-statewide grand jury selection and proceedings
- ii. Civil jury selection proceedings and civil jury trial proceedings
- iii. Criminal evidentiary motions, jury selection and trial proceedings and sentencings, including delinquency cases
- iv. Termination of parental rights trials
- v. Return/Final Hearings for Injunctions for Protection (all types) and Risk Protection Orders (RPO's)

(2)(B) All other trial court proceedings: In order to minimize courthouse traffic, all trial court proceedings not listed in 2(A) above must be conducted remotely.

Nineteenth Judicial Circuit AO 2021-11, attached. All individuals entering a Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Courthouse facility, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, are recommended and encouraged to utilize face masks while in all areas of the facility, consistent with the recommendations of the CDC's July 27, 2021 updated guidance. *Please see*, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit AO 2021-11, attached.

For your convenience, below are the following Indian River County Judge procedures for Zoom/in person appearances:

Judge Cynthia L. Cox

Most Court Proceedings are conducted remotely via Zoom using the following zoom information:

<https://zoom.us/j/6168154963>

Phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 616 815 4963

[Judge Cynthia L. Cox's Webpage](#)

Judge Janet Carney Croom

Jury Trials: Conducted live in Judge Croom's Courtroom 7. The circuit civil jury trial calendar and jury case stacking docket for each month is found on this [webpage](#). You may request social distancing, and we are happy to accommodate such a request. Please let this office know immediately as it affects scheduling with court security and the clerk's office.

UMC, Special Set Hearings and Non-Jury Trials: Conducted via Zoom using the following Zoom information:

<https://zoom.us/j/7450461040?pwd=Rk5GY05VZFBnVnA3d0phM2krVHpQQT09>

Phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 745 046 1040

Passcode: 123456

Attorneys and parties may continue to schedule UMC and Special Set Hearings at their convenience, after confirming with opposing parties, on Judge Croom's on-line calendar [HERE](#). Attorneys continue to be responsible to file and serve appropriate notices of hearing with Zoom information in the court file.

Clerk of Court Civil Non-Jury and Evidentiary Exhibit Procedure is found [HERE](#).

[Judge Janet Carney Croom's Webpage](#)

Judge Michael J. Linn:

All Civil, Unified Family, Probate and Guardianship Hearings will be held remotely via Zoom.

Dependency trials will be conducted in person.

All Final Risk Protection Order hearings will be conducted in person.

Delinquency hearings will be conducted in person.

Specialty Courts will be conducted in person.

[Judge Michael J. Linn's Webpage](#)

Judge Dan L. Vaughn

All hearings and trials are held in person.

[Judge Dan L. Vaughn's Webpage](#)

Judge Nicole Menz

All criminal proceedings and trials are held in person. Civil hearings are being conducted remotely if requested by counsel or the pro se litigant.

[Judge Nicole Menz's Webpage](#)

Judge Robyn E. Stone

All criminal proceedings and trials are held in person. Civil hearings are being conducted remotely if requested by counsel or the pro se litigant.

[Judge Robyn E. Stone's Webpage](#)

Magistrate Leatha D. Mullins

All court proceedings unless otherwise designated/ordered are conducted remotely via Zoom using the following zoom information:

<https://zoom.us/j/3397470884>

Phone: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 339 747 0884

[Magistrate Leatha D. Mullins' Webpage](#)

For your convenience, please find helpful links attached:

[Florida Supreme Court COVID-19 Public Health and Safety Precautions AOSC20-32](#)

[Nineteenth Circuit Administrative Order 2020-10](#)

Additional information for any particular judge can be found on our circuit webpage at www.circuit19.org. We will continue to keep you updated on modifications to Indian River County courthouse jury trial and hearing procedures. Please stay safe.