

CRIMINAL NON-ESSENTIAL HEARINGS

Without further approval from the Chief Judge, Judge Paluck is permitted to set non-essential criminal hearings that are:

- non-evidentiary
- the Defendant's presence is waived
- the State and the Defense agree to set the hearing (Have you tried to obtain a stipulation/order prior to requesting a hearing?)
- all parties appear remotely – except for Judge on bench or chambers

Some examples of these types of hearings are motions to take depositions, seal/expunge, subpoena medical records, discovery issues and similar motions.

The parties are also permitted to request a status conference to discuss the resolution of a criminal case where there is no agreed sentence.

The parties will call to request a hearing, and they should tell JA that it should be set on a non-essential hearing docket.