

CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

ADVISORY NOTICE

Subject: Bronx County Housing In-person Trials

Class: AN-24

Category: LT-10

Eff. Date: August 11, 2020

BACKGROUND:

At its height, the Coronavirus pandemic caused a near-total cessation of in-person operations in the New York City Civil Court. In response, the Court developed and implemented a number of measures to provide a continuity of justice services during the pandemic, specifically through virtual appearances and electronic document processing.

The Court will continue to develop and expand virtual services for the foreseeable future, however, as we move into Phase 4 of New York City's reopening, it is apparent there are still some matters that have not benefitted from these innovations. For this reason, a targeted and limited return to in-person operations is required in order for the Court to meet the increasing demand for services that are being placed upon it. One such area where a limited resumption of in-person operations has become necessary is the trial of pending Housing matters. Therefore, the Court will continue its program of incremental return to in-person trials of Housing matters in Bronx County on September 15, 2020, balancing operational needs with health and safety requirements.

In addition, the Court will be expanding the use of the NYSCEF system to add all Bronx County Housing matters filed on or after September 8, 2020. Further announcements will be made in the coming days.

ADVISORY:

In-person trials of pending Housing matters will resume in Bronx County on or about September 15, 2020. All trials during this phase will be held in the courthouse at 851 Grand Concourse.

The Supervising Judge will select cases for trial, prioritizing, for the time being, two-attorney matters that were placed on the trial calendar before March 16, 2020 and which cannot be resolved virtually. Members of the bar and litigants will receive scheduling notices for these trials.

Electronic filing through the NYSCEF system for all newly filed Bronx County Housing matters will also begin on September 8, 2020.

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Hon. Anthony Cannataro
Administrative Judge
Civil Court of the City of New York