

Legal Alert: Housing Court Update During Pandemic

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On May 19, 2020, Chief Administrative Judge for New York State, the Hon. Lawrence K. Marks, announced that New York City Housing Court judges shall schedule and conduct virtual conferences in pending eviction cases in which both sides are represented by counsel. These conferences are being held to facilitate settlements and reduce pending caseloads as the Court prepares for an influx of new proceedings being filed once the courts reopen.

Our attorneys in each county have begun requesting settlement conferences on pending two-attorney matters and will contact you once a conference has been scheduled for your case. However, please be advised that there is still no requirement for either side to participate in these settlement conferences and therefore there is no penalty (i.e., a default judgment being issued) for a party's failure to appear.

Please continue to stay safe and contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding this new development.