

Dear Members of the Criminal Defense Section,

In an effort to keep the community, attorneys, and court staff safe in the face of rising COVID numbers, **Circuit Court will begin automatically setting all SDP hearings as Zoom hearings. These hearings will be set via Zoom from the outset, instead of the court following up with an order later converting them to Zoom.** This will streamline things for attorneys and make it easier for us to advise our clients regarding their appearances. **This procedure will remain in effect until at least May 1, 2021.**

Thank you,

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