

# Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County

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RE: NEW 2017 CRIMINAL COURT PROCESS

Court Administration wanted to provide some information on upcoming changes to the criminal court process. Some of you may have already heard of the changes from President Judge Reinaker at conferences he has handled. First you will find information on when cases would be scheduled for formal arraignment based on their preliminary hearing date below:

Preliminary Hearing Date	Arraignment Dates
January 6, 2017-January 20, 2017	Friday, February 10, 2017
January 21, 2017-February 5, 2017	Friday, February 24, 2017
February 6, 2017-February 20, 2017	Friday, March 10, 2017
February 21, 2017-March 5, 2017	Friday, March 24, 2017
March 6, 2017-March 20, 2017	Thursday, April 13, 2017
March 21, 2017-April 5, 2017	Friday, April 28, 2017
April 6, 2017-April 20, 2017	Friday, May 12, 2017
April 21, 2017-May 5, 2017	Friday, May 26, 2017
May 6, 2017-May 20, 2017	Friday, June 9, 2017
May 21, 2017-June 5, 2017	Friday, June 23, 2017
June 6, 2017-June 20, 2017	Friday, July 14, 2017
June 21, 2017-July 5, 2017	Friday, July 28, 2017
July 6, 2017-July 20, 2017	Friday, August 11, 2017
July 21, 2017-August 5, 2017	Friday, August 25, 2017
August 6, 2017-August 20, 2017	Friday, September 8, 2017
August 21, 2017-September 5, 2017	Friday, September 22, 2017
September 6, 2017-September 20, 2017	Friday, October 13, 2017
September 21, 2017-October 5, 2017	Friday, October 27, 2017
October 6, 2017-October 20, 2017	Thursday, November 9, 2017
October 21, 2017-November 5, 2017	Wednesday, November 22, 2017
November 6, 2017-November 20, 2017	Friday, December 8, 2017
November 21, 2017-December 5, 2017	Thursday, December 21, 2017
December 6, 2017-December 20, 2017	Friday, January 12, 2018
December 21, 2017-January 5, 2018	Friday, January 26, 2018

Next you will find changes to the current system:

- All criminal cases will be assigned to a judge immediately after formal arraignment. Exceptions will be any ARD pending cases.
- ARD pending cases – if ARD is denied these cases will be immediately assigned to a judge at that time.
- All judicial assignments will be sent out shortly after the arraignment date by email to those who are currently receiving the conference lists sent by Court Administration.
- Once a case is assigned it will be placed in a status conference for the assigned judge. Included you will find the conference and trial dates for each respective team for 2017.

### *2017 Conference & Trial Dates*

<b>Reinaker/Miller</b>			<b>Cullen/Spahn</b>			<b>Totaro/Wright</b>			<b>Knisely/Ashworth</b>		
Status Conference	Pretrial Conference	Trial Week	Status Conference	Pretrial Conference	Trial Week	Status Conference	Pretrial Conference	Trial Week	Status Conference	Pretrial Conference	Trial Week
1/5/2017	1/20/2017	1/23/2017	1/12/2017	1/27/2017	1/30/2017	1/19/2017	1/6/2017	1/9/2017	1/26/2017	1/13/2017	1/16/2017
2/2/2017	2/22/2017	2/27/2017	2/9/2017	3/3/2017	3/6/2017	2/16/2017	2/3/2017	2/6/2017	3/2/2017	2/10/2017	2/13/2017
3/9/2017	3/24/2017	3/27/2017	3/16/2017	3/31/2017	4/3/2017	3/23/2017	3/10/2017	3/13/2017	3/30/2017	3/17/2017	3/20/2017
4/6/2017	4/21/2017	4/24/2017	4/12/2017	4/28/2017	5/1/2017	4/20/2017	4/7/2017	4/10/2017	4/27/2017	4/13/2017	4/17/2017
5/4/2017	5/19/2017	5/22/2017	5/11/2017	6/2/2017	6/5/2017	5/18/2017	5/5/2017	5/8/2017	5/25/2017	5/12/2017	5/15/2017
6/8/2017	6/23/2017	6/26/2017	6/15/2017	7/7/2017	7/10/2017	6/22/2017	6/9/2017	6/12/2017	6/29/2017	6/16/2017	6/19/2017
7/13/2017	8/4/2017	8/7/2017	7/20/2017	8/11/2017	8/14/2017	8/3/2017	7/14/2017	7/17/2017	8/10/2017	7/26/2017	7/31/2017
8/17/2017	9/8/2017	9/11/2017	8/24/2017	9/15/2017	9/18/2017	8/31/2017	8/18/2017	8/21/2017	9/14/2017	8/25/2017	8/28/2017
9/21/2017	10/13/2017	10/16/2017	9/28/2017	10/20/2017	10/23/2017	10/5/2017	9/22/2017	9/25/2017	10/19/2017	9/29/2017	10/2/2017
10/26/2017	11/9/2017	11/13/2017	11/2/2017	11/21/2017	11/27/2017	11/8/2017	10/27/2017	10/30/2017	11/16/2017	11/3/2017	11/6/2017
11/30/2017			12/7/2017			12/14/2017	12/1/2017	12/4/2017	12/21/2017	12/8/2017	12/11/2017

- Cases will be moved to a pretrial conference once it is determined by the judge that it is ready for trial.
- Guilty plea scheduling will remain status quo. Defense Counsel should communicate with chambers when an assigned case has been scheduled for a guilty plea.
- Information about scheduled conferences will come from chambers. Although most of you are familiar with each chambers, the following is a list of judicial secretaries with phone numbers.

Chambers	Judge	Judicial Secretary	Phone
8	President Judge Reinaker	Lisa Willcox	717-293-7296
1	Judge Cullen	Marcia Mummau	717-209-3290
3	Judge Knisely	Diane Underhill	717-299-8065
4	Judge Miller	Donna Nolt	717-299-8060
5	Judge Wright	Linda Ringer	717-293-7292
10	Judge Totaro	Doris Olney	717-299-8075
12	Judge Ashworth	Laura Antonucci	717-299-8055
B	Judge Spahn	Jenney Keefer	717-295-3525

In order to transition to the new system all cases remaining on conference lists at the end of 2016 that would have normally had the next conference in January will need to be assigned. The information below shows when the new assignments will begin.

- Beginning with the 11/23/16 Formal Arraignments, all cases will be assigned directly to a judge after each formal arraignment.
- Beginning with the 11/28/16 Status Conferences, all cases will be assigned directly to a judge if not disposed after each status conference.
- Beginning with the 12/05/16 Pretrial Conferences, all cases will be assigned directly to a judge if not disposed after each pretrial conference.

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