

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Northern Judicial Circuit  
**FROM:** Chief Judge Jeffery S. Malcom  
**RE:** S.O.P.; Bond Hearings, Pleas, &  
Probation Revocation Hearings  
**DATE:** February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR BOND HEARINGS, PLEAS, AND  
PROBATION REVOCATION HEARINGS**

The Standard Operating Procedures for bond hearings and pleas in the Northern Judicial Circuit is as follows:

- Negotiated pleas may be heard before any Superior Court Judge in the Circuit.
- Bond hearings may be heard before any Superior Court Judge in the Circuit, with the following limitations:
  1. If a bond hearing is scheduled for the purpose of requesting reconsideration, and the case has since been assigned, then such request for reconsideration should be heard before the Judge to whom the case is assigned.
  2. If a bond hearing is scheduled for the purpose of requesting reconsideration, and the case continues to remain unassigned, then such request for reconsideration should be heard before the Judge who originally denied bond.
- Probation revocation hearings may be heard before any Superior Court Judge in the Circuit, unless either side objects thereto, thereby requesting that the matter be heard by the original sentencing Judge.

I hope that the foregoing information proves to be helpful in the future. If anyone has any questions regarding the above Standard Operating Procedures, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Hon. Jeffery S. Malcom  
Chief Judge of Superior Courts  
Northern Judicial Circuit