

Dear Colleagues Practicing in the Fauquier, Loudoun and Rappahannock Circuit Courts,

The past two years have been a very challenging time for all of us. As we emerge from pandemic constraints, the Court intends to move toward pre-pandemic operations. In that light, there will be some moderate changes forthcoming.

One positive aspect of the past two years is that it gave us an opportunity to reevaluate some of our operations. We modified a number of docket management procedures that increased efficiency for practitioners and their clients, as well as the Court. Some of those procedures will remain. Other procedures, such as those tailored to remote hearings and certain substantive aspects of the SARS-Covid 19 judicial emergency orders, will be eliminated.

We currently are preparing guidelines for docket management procedures moving forward. Effective **Monday, June 6, 2022**, the circuit courts will return to full in-person operations. We wanted to advise you as soon as the decision was made so that you can adequately prepare your calendars.

Your feedback on administration of justice issues is always welcome and we invite you to forward any input to Circuit Court chambers.

Yours cordially and sincerely,

***Douglas L. Fleming, Jr.***  
***Chief Judge, 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit***