

TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF VIRGINIA



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GENERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CITY OF ROANOKE
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GENERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CITY OF SALEM

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

September 11, 2020

Roanoke City Bar Members
c/o Diane Higgs
Salem/Roanoke County Bar Members
c/o Jamie McGuire

In RE: Preliminary Hearings via video in Roanoke City General District

Dear Members of the Roanoke City and Salem/Roanoke County Bar Associations:

Beginning September 14, 2020, all preliminary hearings heard by the Roanoke City General District Court shall be conducted via video. Conducting preliminary hearings via video is approved by the Supreme Court of Virginia in its many judicial emergency orders and is consistent with the procedure utilized by the general district courts throughout the judicial district. However, if an attorney wishes to conduct an in person preliminary hearing, the attorney should file a motion either oral or written pre-trial with the court asking for an in person preliminary hearing.

As of this writing, preliminary hearings are the only hearings that shall be conducted via video in the Roanoke City General District Court absent court approval. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation as we continue to conduct business during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacqueline F. Ward Talevi".

Jacqueline F. Ward Talevi
Chief Judge