

Bronx County Expanded May 4<sup>th</sup> notice.

Effective Monday, May 4th, expanded motion practice and filing of notices of appeal. If you have a SPECIFIC question or problem about the expanded filings you can call (718)618-3900 or email [BxSupCivEDDS@nycourts.gov](mailto:BxSupCivEDDS@nycourts.gov) and you will receive an answer but be patient, staff and resources are still limited. Additional information will be coming soon and will be found at: <http://ww2.nycourts.gov/courts/12jd/BRONX/Civil/index.shtml>

If anyone has a case in Judge Howard Sherman's part and wishes to have a settlement conference please contact the Judge at [hsherman@nycourts.gov](mailto:hsherman@nycourts.gov) to schedule same. He is conducting conferences by Skype and telephone.

PART 6- Virtual Operations I sincerely hope that you and your families remain safe as we deal with this difficult time. In compliance with the recent directive of Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence K. Marks, non-essential trial court conference proceedings shall occur on a remote/virtual basis effective Monday, April 13, 2020. As a preliminary step, Part 6 has been working to set up conferences in matters identified as having the potential to settle. Additionally, I ask attorneys, with cases in Part 6, who seek to request a settlement conference to contact my court attorney, Aubrey Bowermaster, Esq., via email at [abowerma@nycourts.gov](mailto:abowerma@nycourts.gov). The email message to the Court must include the case name, the docket number, the last appearance date, the names and contact information of the attorneys, and a brief summary of the request. In response, I will review the request and, where appropriate, schedule a remote/virtual conference via Skype Business or Telephone. The Court's response will include instruction and/or a date to Skype or call. Please be mindful that your adversary may not be equipped to conference at this time because we are all dealing with changes and challenges to our personal and work lives. The Court will ONLY entertain requests made on consent of all parties. Please note that NO NEW nonessential matters may be filed until further notice; nor may additional papers be filed by parties in pending nonessential matters. The Court shall determine essential and nonessential matters and will issue orders as it deems appropriate. If you have an application (Stipulation or Order to Show Cause) that you believe is essential, you must submit it to [StipsOSC1stDept@nycourts.gov](mailto:StipsOSC1stDept@nycourts.gov) and wait for further instruction. Please do not contact Part 6. The Court asks for your patience as we transition to virtual operations during these unprecedented times. There is no doubt that there will be challenges as we begin to implement this new phase. However, I remain confident that we will make it work together as the resilient legal community we are. On behalf of Part 6, thank you for your anticipated cooperation and hope that you stay healthy and safe.

Warm regards,

Judge Leticia Ramirez