

Update: Chief Administrative Judge Marks has issued a memorandum which explains that as of Monday, May 4, 2020, parties in pending cases in the New York court system will be able to electronically file new motions, responsive papers to previously filed motions, and other applications. Additionally, Judge Marks' memorandum explains that parties may file notices of appeal electronically and that judges can resume referring matters for alternative dispute resolution (ADR), including to neutrals on court-established panels. This development, accompanied with the court system's embrace of virtual court conferences, should help start the transition toward the re-opening of court operations in New York's Commercial Division. As a further update to our earlier posts about COVID-19's effect on the Commercial Division, the New York court system has expanded its virtual operations to include proceedings in nonessential matters, including pending commercial, trust and estates and tort cases, among others. Parties in such cases may now request that courts hold remote conferences by emailing a completed Conference Request Form to sfc-conferencerequest@nycourts.gov. Such conferences are typically being held by Skype. The ban on filing new nonessential matters, however, remains in effect until further notice. The Supreme Court, New York County-Civil Term has also created a Remote Conference Part (or "RCP"), which now schedules remote settlement conferences for cases that had previously been scheduled in the Administrative Coordinating Part (Part 40), the Judicial Mediation Part (J-Med), and the Early Settlement Parts. Parties who are selected for conferences in an RCP will receive a notice through NYSCEF notifying them that their case has been selected and asking that the relevant attorneys notify the Trial Support Office of their availability. Cases will then be scheduled for Skype or telephonic conferences before one of the judges who has volunteered to conference such cases. Chief Judge Janet DiFiore recently reported that in the first week of the court system's expanded virtual operations, more than 2,600 cases were disposed of or settled. In addition, the court system issued more than 1,400 written decisions on motions and other undecided matters during this period. A chart that outlines the best remote contacts for many of the New York Commercial Divisions as of April 17, 2020 can be found below. The Appellate Division, First Department, has also expanded its virtual operations and has resumed calendaring appeals and motions, scheduling pre-argument conferences, and admitting attorneys to the bar. In addition, the First Department has issued an order providing for two special terms: one in May, commencing on May 4, 2020 and ending on May 29, 2020, and one in June, commencing on June 1, 2020 and ending on June 26, 2020. Cases for the May Special Term will be calendared for each Wednesday and Thursday, and all calendared matters will be heard on submission or orally argued via Skype.

County/ Judicial District	Justice	Best Remote Contact as of April 17th 2020
Albany County	Hon. Richard Platkin	Email: PlatkinChambers@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties
Kings County / Brooklyn	Hon. Lawrence Knipel	Email: lknipel@nycourts.gov Law Clerk: Aaron Blinder ablinder@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties
Kings County / Brooklyn	Hon. Larry D. Martin	Email: ldmartin@nycourts.gov Law Clerk: David C. Pepper dpepper@nycourts.gov Assistant Law Clerk: Dorichael Rodriguez drodrig3@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties
Kings County / Brooklyn	Hon. Leon Ruchelsman	Email: lruchels@nycourts.gov Law Clerk: Mark Kagan mkagan@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties
Nassau County	Hon. Stephen A. Bucaria	Attorneys may request a priority conference with the Court on pending matters by sending a standardized email request form to each Judge's Chambers. A group email address for each Judge's Chambers has been established for this purpose as provided below. Attorneys and unrepresented parties will indicate the reason for the requested conference. Chambers shall then determine whether a conference is necessary or appropriate and direct the manner of the conference, i.e., by telephone or video. judgebucariaremote@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties
Nassau County	Hon. Vito M. DeStefano	Attorneys may request a priority conference with the Court on pending matters by sending a standardized email request form to each Judge's Chambers. A group email address for each Judge's Chambers has been established for this purpose as provided below. Attorneys and unrepresented parties will indicate the reason for the requested conference. Chambers shall then determine whether a conference is necessary or appropriate and direct the

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Nassau County	Hon. Timothy S. Driscoll	<p>Attorneys may request a priority conference with the Court on pending matters by sending a standardized email request form to each Judge's Chambers. A group email address for each Judge's Chambers has been established for this purpose as provided below. Attorneys and unrepresented parties will indicate the reason for the requested conference. Chambers shall then determine whether a conference is necessary or appropriate and direct the manner of the conference, i.e., by telephone or video.</p> <p>judgetdriscollremote@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties</p>
Nassau County	Hon. Jerome Murphy	<p>Attorneys may request a priority conference with the Court on pending matters by sending a standardized email request form to each Judge's Chambers. A group email address for each Judge's Chambers has been established for this purpose as provided below. Attorneys and unrepresented parties will indicate the reason for the requested conference. Chambers shall then determine whether a conference is necessary or appropriate and direct the manner of the conference, i.e., by telephone or video.</p> <p>judgemurphyremote@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties</p>
New York County	Hon. Andrew Borrok	<p>Email: SFC-Part53@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties</p>
New York County	Hon. Joel M. Cohen	<p>Email: sfc-part3@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties</p>
New York County	Hon. Marcy Friedman	<p>Until further notice, communications with the Court should be directed to the Part 60 email Email: SFC-PART60@nycourts.gov. Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties</p>
New York County	Hon. Andrea Masley	<p>Email: sfc-part48@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties</p>

New York County	Hon. Barry Ostrager	Email: SFC-PART61@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy all parties
New York County	Hon. Saliann Scarpulla	Email: Part-39@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties
New York County	Hon. Jennifer G. Schecter	All requests for conferences should be made by contacting Justice Schecter's Principal Law Clerk Michael Rand by email at mrand@nycourts.gov, copying all counsel and setting forth the reason for and nature of the conference requested.
New York County	Hon. O. Peter Sherwood	To schedule a conference, the attorneys should email the clerk assigned to their case. Cases with even index numbers (excluding the year) are generally assigned to Ms. Crasson [scrasson@nycourts.gov]. Cases with odd index numbers are generally assigned to Mr. Rivera [mriviera@nycourts.gov]. Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties
Onondaga County	Hon. Deborah H. Karalunas	Email: Judge-Karalunas-Chambers@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties
Onondaga County	Hon. Anthony J. Paris	Email: Judge-Paris-Chambers@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties
Onondaga County	Hon. Donald A. Greenwood	Email: Judge-Greenwood-Chambers@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties
Queens County	Hon. Marguerite A. Grays	Email: QNSCDPTB@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties
Queens County	Hon. Leonard Livote	Email: QNSCDPTA@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties
Queens County	Hon. Joseph Risi	Email: QNSCDPTC@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties
Suffolk County	Hon. Elizabeth Hazlitt Emerson	Emails have been created for each Judicial Part. These Part emails may be utilized by the bar to request a conference with the Court. Contact via email at Sufemerson@nycourts.gov Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties

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Suffolk County	Hon. James Hudson	<p>Emails have been created for each Judicial Part. These Part emails may be utilized by the bar to request a conference with the Court.</p> <p>Contact via email at Sufhudson@nycourts.gov</p> <p>Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties</p>
Westchester County	Hon. Gretchen Walsh	<p>The best means to request a conference call is through assistant court attorney Ryan Wintermute at rjwinter@nycourts.gov.</p> <p>Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties</p>
Westchester County	Hon. Linda S. Jamieson	<p>Communication via email by contacting assistant court attorney, Joseph Hadala at jhadala@nycourts.gov</p> <p>Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties</p>
7th Judicial District	Hon. J. Scott Odorisi	<p>The Court is available to conduct conferences - via either Skype for Business or the telephone. If you would like to schedule a conference, e-mail Maureen Ware at mware@nycourts.gov on notice to all parties.</p>
8th Judicial District	Hon. Emilio Colaiacono	<p>Email: ecolaiacono@nycourts.gov</p> <p>Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties</p>
8th Judicial District	Hon. Timothy J. Walker	<p>Email: tjwalker@nycourts.gov</p> <p>Law Clerk: Darryl J. Colosi, Esq. Email: dcolosi@nycourts.gov</p> <p>Email requests for conference should copy counsel for all parties</p>