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This afternoon Mercer County Assignment Judge Mary Jacobson, Presiding Criminal Judge Peter Warshaw, MCBA President James Creegan, MCBA Executive Director Samantha Iraga, Mercer County Trial Court Administrator Sue Regan, Mercer County Criminal Division Manager Karl Goldenbaum, and private defense counsel met via Zoom for a conversation regarding current procedures in the criminal courts in Mercer County.

Judge Warshaw and Karl Goldenbaum updated us on the numbers and types of cases that are being addressed currently. Most importantly, Judge Warshaw wanted to stress to everyone that he and Karl, as well as the rest of the judges and criminal division staff, are committed to making themselves accessible and are willing to work on finding solutions to assist the bar in moving cases, whether the defendants are incarcerated or not. Of particular note is that the plea forms necessary to put a plea through are now available as fillable PDFs on the njcourts.gov website. Attached here is the link to these forms: https://www.njcourts.gov/forms/10079_main_plea_form.pdf?c=6Dj.

If you have questions regarding motions, plea hearings, detention hearings, sentencings or anything else, please reach out to Karl Goldenbaum. Karl's email address is karl.goldenbaum@njcourts.gov. He is happy to answer anyone's questions regarding their cases.

As co-chairs of the criminal bench bar and municipal bench bar committees, respectively, we would also like to counsel everyone to please keep up-to-date on their emails, as important Orders and guidance from the Supreme Court and others are being posted almost daily.

We hope that everyone is safe and healthy.

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