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--FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE--

GENESEE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT RESUMPTION OF JURY TRIALS

On March 2, 2021, the Genesee County Circuit Court will resume criminal jury trials, after receiving permission from the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), based on a joint local administrative order submitted by the Genesee County Circuit and Probate Courts.

Even though the COVID19 statistics are improving, the Court will enforce social distancing, face coverings and sanitizing practices in courtrooms and jury assembly space. Nutritional snacks and lunch will be available in individual packaging.

Jury trials will be conducted in selected courtrooms that are equipped with protective glass barriers to promote social distancing.

Public access to jury selection will be via YouTube, audio only. Limited In person public access will be available for trials after jury selection.

Further information may be obtained on the court website, www.7thcircuitcourt.com or at the Beach Street entrance to the Genesee County Courthouse.

The Court is anxious to re-engage and begin jury trials. Likewise, every effort will be undertaken to maintain the health and safety of court staff, members of the public and courtroom participants.

Date: February 24, 2021

Duncan M. Beagle Chief Judge Genesee County Probate & Circuit Courts