This division will be conducting in-person hearings beginning June 1. The Court will follow all requirements of Arizona Supreme Court AO 2020-79 and Mohave County Superior Court AO 2020-23, including the use of masks and appropriate social distancing. The following requirements apply to persons appearing for court:

- 1. Unless indicated otherwise below, telephonic appearances for all hearings will be allowed and encouraged. All persons, including defendants, victims, victim advocates, and attorneys for both the defendant and the state are encouraged to attend routine hearings telephonically. In-custody defendants may attend by video or telephonically.
- 2. Out-of-custody defendants must appear in person for arraignments on original indictments.
- 3. Defendants and their counsel must appear in person for change of plea hearings. The Court will consider conducting a change of plea by telephone or video in extraordinary circumstances.
- 4. Defendants and both counsel must appear in person for judgment and sentencing.
- 5. Defendants, both counsel, and witnesses must appear in person for evidentiary hearings and trials. Witnesses may appear by video in extraordinary circumstances.
- 6. Jurors may appear by video for jury selection only. The first day of a jury trial will consist solely of jury selection.
- 7. The Court may limit the number of people in the courtroom at any particular time. If anyone is excluded from the courtroom, that person may appear using the court's conference number.

Persons appearing telephonically will call the conference line at (716) 427-1099, code 367132. Persons not participating in the hearing will mute themselves.

If you have any questions about hearings in this division, please contact Mary King at (928) 753-0724 or <u>division2@courts.az.gov</u>