

JUVENILE COURT
POLICY/PROCEDURE

SCHEDULING OF PLEA HEARINGS

POLICY

Plea Hearings are to be set with the Juvenile Court Commissioner, except for those petitions filed under Termination of Parental Rights or any other case as may be specifically directed by the judge assigned to the case (e.g. may direct that all subsequent plea hearings on a child be set directly with the judge). For the exceptions noted, the plea hearing is to be set directly with the judge assigned to the case.

Additionally, plea hearings for new petitions may be set directly with and conducted by the judge assigned in the event there is another matter already calendared with that judge (e.g. Extension, Revision, Change of Placement, Pre-trial or Disposition on another petition, Motion to Impose Sanctions).

EXCEPTIONS/COMMENTS

Note that the Judge may direct that all subsequent hearings (plea and any other hearings) related to the child be set directly with him/her. If so requested, a note should be placed on the outside cover of the juvenile file indicating that so that at the time of processing the petition that will be done.