



## Appearances in the District Court 2021

With easing of the COVID-19 pandemic in New South Wales, the District Court's general policy for 2021, in its criminal and civil jurisdictions will be for appearances in Court to be in person. However, the following lists will be conducted remotely:

**Criminal Jurisdiction:** Country call-overs and readiness hearings in the District Court at Sydney.

Consent applications to vary bail

**Civil Jurisdiction:** All lists conducted by Judges, the judicial registrar and assistant registrars.

Lawyers will have the option to appear at pre-trial call-overs and arraignment lists at the Downing Centre by AVL. All lists in courts other than the Downing Centre will continue to be conducted in accordance with the directions of the List Judge or Resident Judge.

Judges have the discretion to limit the number of persons in a courtroom to ensure strict adherence to government endorsed social distancing restrictions. Social distancing restrictions in operation from 1 January 2021, will be in accordance with 1.5m spacing and 2m<sup>2</sup> principles.

The Court may vary or add to any of its procedures at short notice to respond to advice from NSW Health or changing conditions.

The health of Judges and court users remains the Court's priority.