



Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey, the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey, and any other interested party should file, by PDF submission to the Supreme Court Emergent Matter inbox, simultaneous briefs on or before noon on March 23, 2020, addressing the issue of why an Order should not be entered:

- A. Immediately releasing any defendant currently serving a county jail sentence as a condition of probation, such that the custodial portion of the sentence shall either be served at the conclusion of the probationary portion of the sentence or converted into a “time served” condition, at the discretion of the sentencing judge, after input from counsel.
- B. Immediately releasing any defendant serving a county jail sentence as a result of a municipal court conviction, such that the custodial portion of the sentence shall be suspended until the conclusion of the COVID-19 pandemic or deemed satisfied, at the discretion of the sentencing judge, after input from counsel.
- C. Granting such other relief as the court deems equitable and just.

And it is further ORDERED that the Attorney General, County Prosecutors Association, the Office of the Public Defender, and the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey show cause on March 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.,

why an Order should not be entered in accordance with the terms outlined above. Counsel shall appear virtually, in coordination with the Clerk's Office, and each shall have fifteen minutes to make their oral presentations to the Court.

And it is further ORDERED that the Attorney General, County Prosecutors Association, the Office of the Public Defender, and the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey, shall appear for a conference call with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Heather Joy Baker, at 12:30 p.m. today, March 20, 2020.

And it is further ORDERED that the Attorney General, County Prosecutors Association, the Office of the Public Defender, and the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey, represented by their respective principals or a high-level designee, shall engage in mediation before the Honorable Philip S. Carchman, J.A.D. (ret.) beginning at 2 p.m. today, March 20, 2020.

For the Court,

s/

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner