

2021 Criminal Law Committee Report

At the end of my 2020 Criminal Law Committee Report I was hopeful that 2021 would be much smoother. Unfortunately, that did not occur.

While we were successful in having some jury trials, a majority of guilty pleas, motions hearings and sentencings were being conducted by polycom.

The Committee did not have any in-person meetings per se. We did have several brown bag lunches with the Criminal Bar. During those meetings we discussed inmate transportation issues, probation violation hearings in light of Covid, as well as issues with discovery not being redacted and provided to clients.

The main issue affecting the Criminal Law Bar is the backlog of cases and Rule 600 issues.

Once again, we can only hope that 2022 is better than 2020 and 2021.

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