

2022 Criminal Law Committee Report

In 2022 the Criminal Law Committee did not have any meetings per se but rather, utilized the Criminal Bag Brown lunches involving the Court and the District Attorney's Office as meetings.

With the backlog of criminal cases it was decided that ten cases would be listed as back-ups for jury selection in order to hopefully reduce the number of cases pending on the trial list.

There were also changes in the electronic monitoring for out of county and out of state residents. The Criminal Bar was presented with requirements from each county. The change in the electronic monitoring is to aid the adult probation office as well as the Courts in determining when another county will supervise an individual.

In preparing the jury selection list, there has been a question on what is "unavailable" for purposes of scheduling counsel for jury selection and trials. The suggestion was if you are in county as opposed to a neighboring county that you make yourself available.

Recently there has been a change in utilization of the Pre-Release Center. During most of the Covid pandemic, the PRC was not permitting work release. Procedures have begun to change the District Attorney's Office is recommending more placement at PRC.

Both the prosecution and defense side of the Criminal Bar have been working to reduce the backlog that was created and dispose of cases in a more timely fashion. We are hoping that 2023 will be much more productive.

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