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Beginning in February, 2023, the County Courts at Law will be changing the Pre-Trial Docket call procedure. The Courts will be implementing a new plea conference system, and therefore **all counsel are hereby notified that we will be returning to “in-person” announcements for all Pre-Trial docket calls, and that e-mailing your announcements in lieu of in-person attendance will no longer be permitted.** The plea conference system will better facilitate the communication of plea offers from the State to Defense Counsel, and in-person announcements at the Pre-Trial Docket call will ensure that all attorneys will be present for the utilization of the plea conference system, and that all pre-trial matters are resolved prior to moving a case to the Trial Docket.

Plea conferences will be held immediately following the Pre-Trial Docket call. Offers presented will be for cases on the following Pre-Trial Docket.

For example: on February 14th, 2023, all plea conference offers will be given to the attorneys for cases set on the March 7th, 2023 Pre-Trial Docket.

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