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Members of the Arlington Legal Community:

The Judges of the Arlington Circuit Court are pleased to announce that the Virginia Supreme Court has just approved the Court's Plan to Resume Jury Trials. This means that the Court will be preparing to begin jury trials, as stated in the Plan, not sooner than 21 days from the approval date. Accordingly, in anticipation of beginning trials on or about November 16, 2020, the Court will undertake final preparations to implement the Plan. Counsel are strongly advised to review and understand the technical aspects of the Plan. Everyone, including parties and witnesses, should be aware of the requirements of the Plan and the efforts the Court has made and continues to make to take all precautions available for the safety of everyone involved in the trial process.

On Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in courtroom 11A, the Court will hold a status hearing for all criminal juries currently set in November and December 2020 to prioritize the Court's docket. Counsel should come to the status hearing prepared to address all issues related to scheduling, including resetting the current trial date.

The Court will be in contact with counsel in civil juries set for the rest of 2020 regarding scheduling.