

United States District Court District of Delaware

Notice of Issuance of Jury Trial Restart Guidelines

Attached are the District of Delaware's Jury Trial Restart Guidelines, with which all counsel who may be involved in a jury trial in this District should familiarize themselves. These Guidelines are the result of extensive work by the District's Jury Working Group, which was appointed by the District's Re-Opening Committee. The Court expresses its deep gratitude to all who were involved in this important endeavor.

Although these Guidelines do not have the force of law and may be modified by the presiding judge in any case, they identify many of the issues expected to be encountered in conducting a jury trial and include thoughtful potential solutions. It is expected that these Guidelines will be valuable to judges and counsel in framing pre-trial discussions that will be required in order to conduct jury trials in a manner that protects health and safety as well as litigants' rights.

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