

Bar Talk – September 28, 2020

- Executive/Emergency Orders/Judicial Branch
 - Sept 22: Governor Mills announced that [anyone in Maine can get tested for COVID-19 without the need for a separate order from a health care provider](#)
 - Sept 23: JB issued revision to [PMO-SJC-3](#): adds provision allowing representatives of Maine DHHS to continue to file paper Petitions for Preliminary Protection Orders notwithstanding the Maine Rules for Electronic Court Systems (RECS)
 - Sept 23: JB issued [PMO-SJC-8: Emergency Rules from the Supreme Judicial Court on Waiver of Initial Appearances](#), which allows individuals represented by attorneys in criminal cases who are charged with Class A, B, or C offenses to waive their initial appearance upon their attorney's entry of appearance and certifications as provided in the PMO
 - Sept 25: eFile rollout, scheduled for Oct 5, is temporarily postponed due to a [security breach of Tyler Technologies' networks](#)
 - Court administrative week is Oct 26-30; courts and clerks' windows will be closed from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Business-side updates
 - Cognitive and Implicit Biases and Decision Making for Lawyers Zoom CLE
 - Racial Discrimination Survey closes on Oct 2
 - Please provide feedback re: September eFile training held by Tyler Technologies
 - Nominating Petitions for 2021 BOG due no later than **Oct 1**; following seats are open: Vice President, 5 Governors by district election, and 2 Governors by general election
 - Districts to be voted on: Three (Cumberland – two seats); Four (Sagadahoc & Lincoln); Five (Androscoggin); Seven (Somerset & Piscataquis)
 - At-large positions to be voted on: In-House Counsel; Public Service Sector
- Personal-side updates
 - Journal: thankful for court marshalls, staff & judges doing all they can to keep the public & attorneys safe
- Questions/requests: aarmstrong@mainebar.org