

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:)
VIRTUAL HEARINGS FOR)
CRIMINAL INITIAL ARRAIGNMENTS) AO-21-1

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The Court finds that the District Court of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma expects to receive an influx of criminal cases due to the recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in *McGirt vs. State of Oklahoma*.

Because of this influx of cases, as well as the distance involved, the Court finds that it is not feasible to require defendants to appear in person for Initial Arraignments in all criminal cases.

Therefore, the Court orders that virtual hearings may be used for Initial Arraignments in criminal cases.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 15th day of March 2021.



Richard Branam
Presiding Judge of the District Court