

RULE 570.1 ATTENDANCE IN COURT OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

1. Attendance Requested - At any proceeding before the Court at which the attendance is requested of an individual who is incarcerated, a writ shall be prepared, filed and presented by the party requesting attendance of said individual at least five (5) working days before the scheduled event.
2. Attendance Required - With respect to proceedings at which the defendant's attendance is required, defense counsel shall be responsible for the preparing, filing and presenting of this writ to the Court at least five (5) working days before the scheduled event. In the case of a pro se defendant, the Commonwealth shall be responsible for the preparing, filing and presenting of the writ required under this rule.
3. Non-Compliance - Any writ filed that is not in compliance with this rule shall be entertained only if the opportunity to timely file it did not previously exist or the interest of justice so requires. In the event any such writ required by this rule is not prepared, filed and presented, the Court reserves the right, in its discretion, to impose the appropriate sanctions. In no event, where the defendant's attendance is required, shall a proceeding occur without the defendant being present. In that case defense counsel shall file a continuance, and if pro se, the Commonwealth shall file the continuance.