

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 11-04**

Protocols for Adult Arraignments and Presentments

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Police Department is mandated to bring all arrested individuals to court without delay pursuant to D.C. Code § 23-562(c)(1); and

WHEREAS, the agencies responsible for the adult arraignment process are committed to the continued efficient administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, a committee created by the Court comprised of members from the Court, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, United States Attorney's Office, United States Marshals Service, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Pretrial Services Agency, the Superior Court Trial Lawyers Association, and the Metropolitan Police Department has evaluated the operation of the adult arraignment process and coordination between the involved agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is by the Court,

ORDERED, that the protocols for adult arraignments and presentments attached to this Administrative Order represent the best practices to ensure the administration of justice; and it is further

ORDERED, that these protocols become effective immediately.

SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT

March 21, 2011

/s/

**Lee F. Satterfield
Chief Judge**

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