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**Re: UPDATE- COVID-19 Court Procedures for New York.**

Disclaimer: Below is an update of the court procedures currently in place due to the Coronavirus. The Courts are regularly amending these procedures. Please consult with your attorneys regarding any specific case and/or questions you may have regarding these policies.

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**❖ NEW YORK STATE COURT PROCEDURES UPDATE:**

- The existing prohibition on the filing of **NEW** non-essential matters will continue.
- Starting next Monday, April 13, certain preliminary steps to open-up access - *remote* access - to the courts for non-essential pending cases.
  - Judges will review cases to identify cases that require court conferences to progress.
  - Judges can also schedule conferences at the request of the attorneys and can be available during normal court hours to address discovery disputes and other ad hoc concerns.
  - The conferences will need to be conducted remotely, by Skype or by telephone.
- Judges will resume deciding fully submitted motions.