

4/11/20 New York County Commercial Landlord/ Tenant (Part 52) Cases Virtual Settlement Conferences Guidance

As you have heard, the court's virtual court system is incrementally opening access - remote access - for non-essential pending cases. One of the next steps towards opening access is that commercial landlord/tenant (Part 52) cases pending in New York County are being scheduled on a limited basis for virtual settlement conferences where a court conference can be helpful in achieving a resolution of the case.

If both sides agree to a virtual settlement conference, the joint request should be emailed to Ananias Grajales, Esq. at agrajale@nycourts.gov with the subject line: Request for virtual settlement conference. The request shall include a statement that all parties to the proceeding request the virtual settlement conference; and the following case information:

Index Number:	
Caption:	
Petitioner's Counsel:	Attorney: Firm: Address: Phone: Email: Fax:
Respondent's Counsel:	Attorney: Firm: Address: Phone: Email: Fax:

Conferences will be scheduled by the court and conducted remotely by Skype or by telephone. Additional details regarding how the virtual settlement conference will be conducted will be provided to the parties by the court. The court hopes these virtual settlement conferences will help settle cases during these trying times, with the help of the Court.

OCA has been tirelessly working to open up the courts and ensuring that the courts' vitally important business continues during these most difficult of times. A special thank you goes out to the hard-working, dedicated men and women in OCA, the court staff, and the court officers for all they are doing to increase the public's access to justice.