

Important Announcement - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Client Update

To our clients and friends,

In light of further recent developments in the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency, the New York State court system has postponed all non-essential functions until further notice. We ask that you review the information below for the latest updates.

Trials and Court Appearances:

Public access to all courthouses has been restricted and trials and court appearances are postponed.

Non-Court Appearances:

Depositions:

Most depositions will also be postponed. We will do our best to promptly reschedule depositions and to notify you of all rescheduled dates as they become available. If you do not hear from our office, please call us at least three days prior to your scheduled deposition for further instructions.

Physicals/Examinations:

If you are scheduled for a no-fault examination with your insurance company's doctor, please call the doctor's office to confirm your appointment. The contact information for the doctor can be found on the letter you received notifying you of the exam and the date. Due to the fast-changing safeguards and restrictions on public gatherings and activities, we strongly encourage you to call the doctor's office on the day of the exam to reconfirm your appointment.

Defense Medical Examinations:

If you have a physical examination scheduled with a defense doctor (commonly referred to as an "Independent" Medical Examination or "IME"), please call our office at least one day prior to the exam and again on the day of the exam to confirm that it has not been postponed.

Mediations:

Mediations scheduled at places such as National Arbitration & Mediation ("NAM"), Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services ("JAMS") or another mediation service, may or may not proceed as scheduled and may be conducted over the phone or by video conference. Please call our office at least one day prior to the scheduled mediation for further instructions.

Finz & Finz, P.C. Safety Precautions:

Safety—the safety of our clients, attorneys and staff—is our number one priority.

COVID-19 can be transmitted by and among individuals who are exposed but not yet symptomatic. Given these concerns, some of our attorneys and legal support staff will be working remotely until further notice. All in-person and in-office meetings will be rescheduled.

We encourage you to educate yourself during this time. You can learn more about COVID-19 at the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s website</u>.

Please feel free to contact our office by telephone to address any concerns. We extend our most sincere wishes to you and your families for a safe and healthy spring during this most difficult time.

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