

Court Service Center

New Hampshire Superior Court

ARRAIGNMENTS

General information

- You have received a packet of documents from the Superior Court with a copy of one or more indictments and a Notice of Arraignment.
- What is an indictment?** An indictment is a criminal charge against you by a Grand Jury after hearing evidence presented by the County Attorney or Attorney General.
- What is an arraignment?** An arraignment is a court hearing where a judge makes sure you understand what your charges are and you tell the court how you plead to each charge. Bail is set or reviewed. Your Notice of Arraignment will tell you the date, time, and location of the hearing.
- If you have questions, it is helpful to have these documents available when you contact the court.**

How to apply for court appointed counsel

- IF YOU COMPLETED A FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT IN CIRCUIT COURT YOU PROBABLY DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE THIS FORM AGAIN.** Click here for information on whether you need to complete the form and on how to complete it.
- Form needed-Financial Affidavit (NHJB-2313-F)

What happens next?

- You must attend the arraignment hearing. After this hearing the court will send your attorney notice of future court dates.
- If you do not attend the arraignment hearing a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

**Forms and Instructions are available from any NH Superior Court
Additional Information can be found at:**

www.courts.state.nh.us/superior