

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, ss.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT  
No. SJC-12926

**COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC COUNSEL SERVICES AND MASSACHUSETTS  
ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS**

v.

**CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE TRIAL COURT and others.**

ORDER

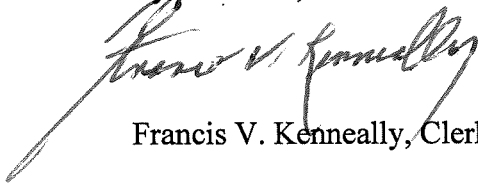
The court will hear oral argument on the emergency petition under G. L. c. 211, § 3, and the responses thereto, on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at 10 A.M. The hearing will be conducted by telephone conference. The following is the division of time allotted to the parties for argument:

<u>Party</u>	<u>Time (minutes)</u>
1. Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys	15
2. Committee for Public Counsel Services	15
3. Attorney General on behalf of:	20
Chief Justice of the Trial Court	
Probation Service	
Department of Correction	
Parole Board	
4. District Attorney for Suffolk	5
District Attorneys for Berkshire, Middlesex and Northwestern	5
District Attorneys for Bristol, Cape and Islands, Essex, Hampden, Norfolk, Plymouth, and Worcester	10
5. Sheriffs of the 14 Counties	20

Due to the extenuating circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, and the inability of Suffolk University to webcast these proceedings as a result, it is necessary to limit the number of persons with access to the telephonic argument in order to preserve the record and to provide the public with the highest quality audio recording possible. To that end, the person who will argue for the parties is permitted to have one additional person with access to the telephone conference line. The parties shall provide the clerk ([francis.kenneally@sjc.state.ma.us](mailto:francis.kenneally@sjc.state.ma.us)) with the name of the person who will argue and the name of one additional person by 3:00 PM today. The clerk will then reply with instructions for access to the conference line.

An audio recording of the proceedings will be released to the public within one hour of the close of oral argument in this and the companion case of *Christie v. Commonwealth*, SJC-12927. Requests for the audio recording may be made by email to [publicinfo@sjc.state.ma.us](mailto:publicinfo@sjc.state.ma.us) or to [francis.kenneally@sjc.state.ma.us](mailto:francis.kenneally@sjc.state.ma.us).

By the Court,



Francis V. Kenneally, Clerk

Entered: March 30, 2020