

Judge Morrison, Division E
State Court of Fulton County

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ENTRY OF A PLEA IN ABSENTIA

For the Court to accept a Plea in Absentia the following conditions must be met:

All terms must be fully negotiated and reduced to writing.

All terms must be fully completed in advance of entry of the plea. This requirement includes but is not limited to performance of all community service hours. Counsel should be prepared to tender the full amount of any fine, plus statutory add on fees and costs, at the time of entry of the plea. Counsel may contact the Case Manager in advance for a calculation of the total fine plus fee amount.

For cases appearing on a trial calendar, Counsel must announce their intention to enter a Plea in Absentia by or before the call of the calendar. Pleas must be entered prior to the expiration of the trial period. Counsel may contact the Case Manager to obtain a plea date.

A Plea in Absentia must be presented by a member of the Georgia Bar in good standing. Counsel must appear as scheduled to enter the Plea in Absentia.

The Assistant Solicitor will be asked to confirm the State's consent to the Plea in Absentia in open Court at the time the plea is entered.

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