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# NEWS RELEASE



## Justice Center Water Damage Update

**Cleveland:** To better facilitate cleanup from Thursday's water leak, the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> floors of the Justice Center will be closed to the public next week (July 17-21).

The eight courtrooms affected by the temporary closure are:

Judge Cassandra Collier-Williams (23-A); Judge John D. Sutula (23-B); Judge Steven E. Gall (23-C); Judge Kathleen A. Sutula (23-D).

Judge Brian J. Corrigan (22-A); Judge Deena R. Calabrese (22-B); Judge Brendan J. Sheehan (22-C); Judge Joseph D. Russo (22-D).

“It’s going to take some time to finish repairs and drying from the water damage,” says Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Administrative and Presiding Judge John J. Russo. “Equipment has been set up and electric lines have been run to supply power, so we wanted to limit access to the courtrooms on 22 and 23. The health and safety of the public is a top priority as the cleanup work continues.”

A hot water tank line on the 24<sup>th</sup> floor ruptured Thursday morning leading to water damage on the upper courtroom floors of the Justice Center.

Since attorneys and the public will not be able to access those two floors, they will be directed to the Multipurpose Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Justice Center (the former Cuyahoga County Council Room), where pre-trials will be held. Other courtrooms will be made available if needed, and court staff will be on site in the Multipurpose Room to answer questions.