



## **MANOR MUNICIPAL COURT COMMON QUESTIONS**

### **What should I expect when I request a trial with the Court?**

If you plead Not Guilty you will be set for a **MANDATORY** Pretrial hearing conference with the City Prosecutor on a specified date and time determined by the Court.

You have the right *hire an attorney*; if you do hire an attorney your attorney must send a “letter of representation” to the Court and indicate which case file(s) they will be representing. Once you hire an attorney and the Court has received an attorney representation letter, Court staff is no longer able to discuss your case file with you. Furthermore, even though you have an attorney, you are still responsible for the outcome of your case file(s). Court Staff suggest you stay in contact with your attorney.

**NOTE:** If you are a juvenile (**16 years or younger**) you and your parent are required by law to appear before **ALL** scheduled appearances.

You have the right to *represent yourself*. If you decide to represent yourself, you will be considered a **PRO SE DEFENDANT**, which will require you to attend **ALL** scheduled appearances. There will be a dress code in force and all Pro Se defendants shall conduct themselves in a professional manner. Proper court procedures are the Defendant's responsibility; it is not the responsibility of the Court.