

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ADMINISTRATIVE DOCKET**

IN RE: SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL	)	No. 43 WM 2020
DISTRICT, EMERGENCY	)	
OPERATIONS	)	
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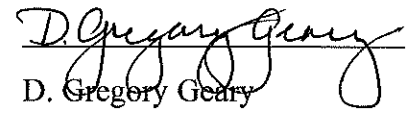
**ORDER OF COURT - DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

AND NOW, this 20th day of November, 2020, consistent with the authority granted president judges by Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated May 27, 2020, and the provisions of Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1952(B)(2), it is hereby ORDERED AND DIRECTED as follows:

1. Effective immediately, a judicial emergency is declared in the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, said declaration to remain in effect until such time as it is amended, rescinded, modified or superseded by order of this Court or the Supreme Court.
2. Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 119 (Use of Two-Way Simultaneous Audio-Visual Communication in Criminal Proceedings) is SUSPENDED in all courts of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.
3. The Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health issued an order on November 17, 2020 generally requiring the wearing of face coverings while in indoor spaces. Therefore, all persons entering the Somerset County Courthouse or Courthouse Annex, or a magisterial district court office located within the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, shall wear a face covering unless exempted from the requirement by the provisions of the Secretary's order. The Board of Commissioners, Prothonotary, Register of Wills, Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, District Attorney, Treasurer, Recorder of Deeds, President

Judge and all magisterial district judges are authorized, at their discretion, to deny in-person service to anyone who refuses to comply with this directive.

BY THE COURT:

  
D. Gregory Geary

President Judge