

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In Re: 19th Judicial District : Emergency Judicial Order
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Request for Emergency Judicial Order

1. Joseph C. Adams, President Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial District, hereby requests the following relief by Order of the Supreme Court:

a. Authorize the president judge to declare a judicial emergency in this judicial district and take any actions authorized by Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(2).

b. Suspend or modify statewide procedural or administrative rules in this judicial district as follows:

- 1. Suspend time calculations for the purposes of time computation within this judicial district for the filing of documents with the court or taking other judicially mandated action. Beginning date March 16, 2020, ending date April 3, 2020.
- 2. Authorize the expanded use of advanced communication technology to conduct court proceedings.
- 3. Suspend or modify other statewide procedural or administrative rules as follows: Suspend the application of Pa.R.Crim.P. 600. Beginning March 16, 2020, ending May 4, 2020.

2. The circumstances necessitating this request for an emergency judicial order are as follows: Public health emergency in Pennsylvania involving exposure to COVID-19.

3. To the extent possible and practical under the circumstances, notice of this request for an emergency judicial order has been or will be:

posted in the courthouse or other judicial office

posted on the court's or county's website

posted on the county bar association's website

submitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts for publication pursuant to Rule of Judicial Administration No. 1952(C)(5)

4. Interested parties are advised that objections to any emergency judicial order issued by the Supreme Court should be transmitted to the Supreme Court Prothonotary.

Respectfully submitted:



Joseph C. Adams, President Judge

Dated: March 16, 2020