

**NO. 17 EM 2020**

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**IN RE:                   1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District – Request for      No.  
Emergency Judicial Order**

1. Hon. Idee C. Fox, President Judge of the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District and Chair of its Administrative Governing Board, 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. 1925(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, including but not limited to, time calculations for the purposes of time computation for hearings and mandated judicial actions within this judicial district for actions filed pursuant to 23 Pa. C.S. §6107(a), et seq., and Pa. R.C.P. 1901, et seq., until April 6, 2020;

2. Suspend Pa. R.J.C.P. 1404 (a) prompt adjudicatory hearing (Dependency) and Pa. R.J.C.P. 404 (a) prompt adjudicatory hearing (Delinquency) beginning date March 17, 2020, ending date April 6, 2020.

3. Authorize the expanded use of advanced communication technology to conduct court proceedings;

4. Suspend the application of Pa.R.Crim.P. 600. Beginning date March 16, 2010, ending April 6, 2020;

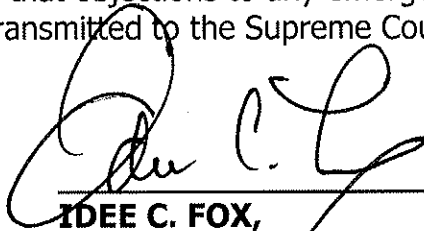
5. Suspend the citation practice set forth in Pa. O.C. Rule 3.5(a) (mode of proceeding on petition), Pa. O.C. Rule 14.2(f) (citation with notice for adult guardianship proceedings), and Philadelphia O.C. Rule 4.7A (requiring electronic filing) until April 6, 2020;

2. The circumstances necessitating this request for an emergency judicial order are as follows: an existing public health emergency in Philadelphia County 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 on the First Judicial District's website.
- Submitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts for publication pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(C)(5).
- Posted on the county bar associations website.

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



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**IDEE C. FOX,  
PRESIDENT JUDGE  
CHAIR, AGB**

DATED 3/16/20 20