



SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTICE TO THE BAR

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Notice Regarding the Coronavirus Outbreak and Superior Court Operations

The Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has declared the existence of a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth to address the threat posed by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The Governor has restricted access to the Pennsylvania Judicial Center in Harrisburg and restricted access to Superior Court offices in other areas of the State. Because of the increased number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania, and the advice by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and State and local public health authorities to take precautions to avoid exposure and prevent the spread of the virus, and to protect public health, reduce the size of public gatherings, and reduce unnecessary travel within the Commonwealth, the Superior Court has taken the following measures.

1. The En Banc argument session scheduled for March 18, 2020, has been Continued and will be Rescheduled.
2. The Special Argument Court scheduled for March 24 & 25, 2020, in Bucks County, Panel A08-20, has been cancelled and will be rescheduled in Philadelphia. A Special Argument Court will be scheduled in Bucks County for later in the year.
3. The Argument Court scheduled for March 31 & April 1, 2020, in Pittsburgh, Panel A09-20, has been cancelled. Cases which are submitted on that panel will be decided by the assigned panel. For cases which require argument,

counsel are advised to file a motion for continuance and these cases will be assigned to another argument panel.

4. The Court will issue further notices for its April and May oral argument sessions on a later date.
5. For filings in the Middle District: there shall be no public access to the Court's filing office in the Pennsylvania Judicial Center. All filings with the Court must be accomplished electronically by PACFile, or by United States Mail. Although it is encouraged to file by PACFile or by United States Mail, filings may occur at the Offices of the Superior Court in Philadelphia, Suite 315, 530 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.
6. Filings in the Eastern District: All filings are encouraged to be by PACFile, or by United States Mail, however, the Offices of the Superior Court in Philadelphia, Suite 315, 530 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, will remain open.
7. Filings in the Western District: All filings are encouraged to be by PACFile, or by United States Mail, however, the Offices of the Superior Court in Pittsburgh, Grant Building, Suite 600, 310 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 will remain open.

All litigants are encouraged to sign up for electronic filing through the Court's PACFile system. Information on PACFile may be found at <https://ujportal.pacourts.us/>. Any user who signs up for PACFile will receive notifications only by way of the e-mail address registered in PACFile. The Court will not mail out notifications to PACFile users.

Because this is a developing situation, counsel and parties should monitor the Court's webpage for updates at <http://www.pacourts.us/courts/superior-court/>.