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To: Geoff Moulton, Esquire
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From: William J. Martin, President Judge 
40th Judicial District, Indiana County PA

Date: March 16, 2020

RE: COVID-19 Virus and Rules of Judicial Administration 1952

Please find attached hereto my request for Emergency Judicial Order Pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me or District Court Administrator, Christy K. Donofrio, Esquire.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

**IN RE: 40th Judicial District – Request for No. _____
Emergency Judicial Order**

1. Honorable William J. Martin, President Judge of the 40th 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 the application of the following Rules:
 - a. Pa.R.Crim.P. 119(A)(1)(2)(3)(5)(6) and (7) other than Jury Trials.
 - b. Pa.R.Crim.P. 600.
2. The circumstances necessitating this request for an emergency Judicial Order are as follows: The declaration of the Federal Government and Governor of the Commonwealth that a State of Emergency exists as to the COVID-19 Virus.
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 court's website
 - * submitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts for publication pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. 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.



William J. Martin, President Judge
March 16, 2020