

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL DIVISION

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IN RE:

27TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT)
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL)
EMERGENCY)

No. 2020-1
24 W.M. 2020

L. H. HOUGH
PROTHONOTARY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

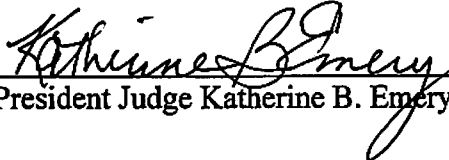
AND NOW, this 30th day of March, 2020, pursuant to the Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in Nos. 531 and 532 of the Judicial Administration Docket, *In re: General Statewide Judicial Emergency*, dated March 18, 2020, the Declaration of Judicial Emergency issued by this Court dated March 16, 2020, and Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1952(B)(2), it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED as follows:

1. Trial Terms for April 13, April 20, May 11, and May 18, 2020, are CANCELLED. Any individuals already summoned for the aforementioned trial terms shall not be required to appear for jury service, and such service shall be considered as completed for purposes of 42 Pa. Con. Stat. Ann. § 4503(a)(2).
2. All jury trials scheduled for the cancelled trial terms are CONTINUED generally and shall be rescheduled by the Judge assigned to the case.
3. The operation of Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 600 is suspended consistent with the Declaration of Judicial Emergency filed with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania at docket No. 24 W.M. 2020. Any delay in the time for a trial that will be continued pursuant to this Order shall be attributable to the judiciary and excluded from the computation of time.
4. As soon as practicable, the District Court Administrator shall issue an AMENDED court calendar that will include additional trial terms sufficient to replace the cancelled terms.

All judges shall be available to hear trials in the additional terms regardless of their respective assigned dockets.

The Court finds it necessary to enter this Order because of the uncertainty of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The District Court Administrator advises that his office would normally begin summoning jurors for the May Trial Terms within the next five (5) business days, and the Court finds that doing so is likely to cause undue stress and hardship to potential jurors, and an inefficient use of fiscal and judicial resources.

BY THE COURT:


_____, P.J.
President Judge Katherine B. Emery