

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
WESTERN DISTRICT

IN RE: AMENDED)
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT) No. 23 WM 2020
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS)
PLAN)
)

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 24th day of July 2020, this Court having previously declared a judicial emergency in the Fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, this Court amends its Emergency Operations Order entered on May 28, 2020 and now orders that the following actions be taken pursuant to Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(2):

- Until further Order of Court, no in-person hearings or proceedings will occur in the Criminal Division.
- During the Judicial Emergency, the following matters in the Criminal Division shall be conducted remotely through Microsoft Teams:
 - Bail Hearings and Motions, including Motions for Continuance;
 - Guilty Pleas;
 - Sentencing Hearings for Defendants in custody;
 - ARD hearings;
 - Phoenix Docket and EDP Hearings;
 - Review Hearings for Domestic Violence Court, Drug Court, DUI Court, Mental Health Court, PRIDE Court, and Veteran’s Court;

- Probation Violation Hearings;
 - SOC Formal Arraignments;
 - Non-jury trials at the request of or with the consent of the Defendant.

- Until further Order of Court, any hearing or proceeding in the Criminal Division that cannot be conducted remotely through Microsoft Teams shall be continued.

- For Attorneys requiring training to enable them to utilize Microsoft Teams, training will be provided by the Court, beginning the week of July 27, 2020. Please check the Fifth Judicial District Website at www.alleghencourts.us for information.

- Attorneys are strongly encouraged to file motions, pleadings, and other documents through PACFile, as during the judicial emergency, it may become necessary for the Court to require attorneys to electronically file motions, pleadings and other documents through PACFile. Unrepresented, self-represented, or *pro se* litigants will not be required to electronically file motions, pleadings, or documents through PACFile.

- For Attorneys requiring training to enable them to file motions, pleadings and documents through PACFile, training will be provided by the Court, beginning the week of July 27, 2020. Please check the Fifth Judicial District Website, www.alleghencourts.us, for information.

- Alternative methods of signing, delivery and service of court documents and orders shall be permitted.
- All other provisions of the Emergency Operations Plan Order entered on May 28, 2020 shall remain in effect.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "KB Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

P. J.

KIM BERKELEY CLARK
PRESIDENT JUDGE