



COMMONWEALTH COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

NOTICE TO THE BAR

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Notice Regarding the Coronavirus Outbreak and Commonwealth Court Operations

In light of the COVID-19 virus outbreak and the Governor's directives regarding access to the Pennsylvania Judicial Center, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania announces the following changes to its schedule and operations:

1. The Court's oral argument session scheduled for the week of March 23, 2020, in Harrisburg, is CANCELLED. Counsel should refer to the Court's Administrative Order of March 16, 2020 regarding the status of cases that had been scheduled for argument.
2. The Court will issue further notices for its April and May oral argument sessions, which have not yet been listed.
3. With the exception of matters involving the 2020 primary election ballot, all original jurisdiction evidentiary hearings currently scheduled are CONTINUED. Currently scheduled telephonic arguments shall proceed as scheduled. Counsel and parties should refer to the Court's Administrative Order of March 16, 2020 regarding the conduct of original jurisdiction hearings.
4. 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, by email addressed to CommCourtFiling@pacourts.us, or by United States Mail.

5. If an after-hours emergency application is necessary, counsel should follow [Section 69.126 of the Internal Operating Procedures of the Commonwealth Court, 210 Pa. Code § 69.126 \(Emergency Applications\)](#).

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