

IN RE: STATEWIDE JUDICIAL
EMERGENCY – SUSPENSION
SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

: IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF
: PENNSYLVANIA
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: No. 3 Administrative Docket
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ORDER

AND NOW, this 28th day of May, 2020, in accordance with the Orders of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, declaring a general, statewide, judicial emergency, **see** 532 Judicial Administration Docket (Mar. 16, 2020), and the Supreme Court’s supplemental Orders, **see** 532 & 533 Judicial Administration Docket (Apr. 1, 2020) and 531 & 532 Judicial Administration Docket (Apr. 28, 2020), the following is hereby ORDERED:

- A. Although the general, statewide judicial emergency expires on June 1, 2020, the Superior Court will continue to accept filings through PACFile electronic filing, through the United States Postal Service, or by commercial delivery carrier, and will remain open to conduct all court business.
- B. In light of the expiration of the statewide judicial emergency, due dates for filings are restored to the date specified on this Court’s docket, e.g., filing due dates for briefs or docketing statements and responses to show cause orders. As a reminder, Children’s Fast Track due dates are in full force and effect.
- C. Pursuant to the Supreme Court’s Emergency Order of Statewide Judicial Administration Applicable From May 1, 2020, Through June 1, 2020, dated April 28, 2020, the Superior Court will continue to utilize advanced communication technologies for argument court sessions, for those cases which cannot be submitted on legal briefs.

- D. Any requests for extensions of time or other extraordinary relief related to applications filed pursuant to the Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act, 18 Pa.C.S. §§ 5701, *et seq.* ("Wiretap Act") shall continue to be made to the judge who has been assigned to the particular wiretap application or, if the wiretap application has not yet been assigned, then to the Wiretap Act Supervising Judge.

The time limits for any order authorizing the interception of any wire, electronic or oral communication as set forth in § 5712(b) of the Wiretap Act shall remain in full force and effect.

- E. All emergency motions shall be filed through the PACFile electronic filing system, and must be clearly titled as an Emergency Motion. To the extent a party is unable to file an emergency motion on PACFile, they are encouraged to call the respective district's Prothonotary's Office, which phone numbers may be found at:

<http://www.pacourts.us/courts/superior-court/prothonotarys-addresses>.

Parties are on notice that emergency motions may take longer than usual to address.

- F. Children's Fast Track filings must be made within the time established by general rule using the PACFile electronic filing system, **see** Pa.R.A.P. 125 (relating to electronic filing), or by proper postmark or receipt as provided by the United States Postal Service or commercial delivery carrier.
- G. This Court's March 23, 2020, and March 26, 2020 Orders in regard to filing *Praecipes* for Writ of Summons or Children's Fast Track appeals on this Court's Miscellaneous Docket, due to difficulties in filing with the court of common pleas, remain in full force and effect with the following, additional provision: the petitioner or appellant shall attach to the relevant certification documentation indicating efforts made to file the *praecipe* or Children's Fast Track notice of appeal with the court of common pleas.

This Order shall remain in effect until further Order of this Court.

By the Court,

Jack A. Panella, P.J.

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