

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CIVIL DIVISION

IN RE: ACCESS TO JUDICIAL FACILITIES:
IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT :
DURING THE STATEWIDE JUDICIAL : No. AD 2020 - 189
EMERGENCY DECLARED ON MARCH 16, :
2020 ON ACCOUNT OF COVID-19 :

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MARCH 25 2020
CRAWFORD COUNTY, PA
CLERK OF COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5

PROTECTION FROM ABUSE

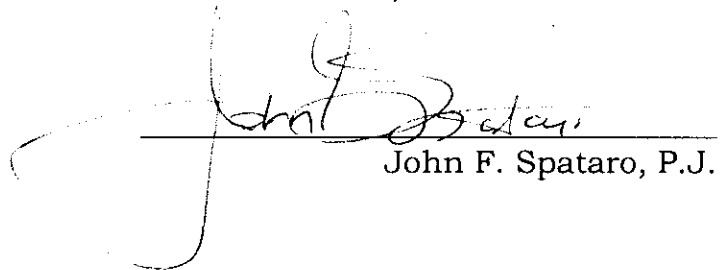
AND NOW, **March 25, 2020**, in accordance with the Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania declaring a general, statewide, judicial emergency, *see* 532 Judicial Administrative Docket (March 16, 2020), and pursuant to this Court’s Declaration of Judicial Emergency, *see* Case No. 27 WM 2020, the following is hereby ORDERED, effective immediately:

1. Associate Judge Mark D. Stevens shall, for the duration of the current judicial emergency, have responsibility for the administration, management, processing, and adjudication of all matters pertaining to the Protection From Abuse Act, *see* 23 Pa.C.S. §§ 6101-6122 (the “Act”), in addition to such ancillary matters associated therewith as temporary custody orders and eviction matters resulting from the issuance of orders authorized under the Act;
2. Judge Stevens shall have authority to promulgate such procedural orders as are deemed by him necessary for the effectuation and satisfaction of the foregoing responsibilities on behalf of this Court;
3. Judge Stevens shall also, with the participation of Court Administration, have authority to refer to Senior Judges those PFA matters for which he has a conflict of interest or otherwise finds it necessary to recuse himself;

4. The issuance of temporary protection from abuse orders remains within the purview of essential judicial functions, to be performed exclusively by Judge Stevens in full conformity with all laws, common and statutory, pertaining thereto, except in the event of his recusal or unavailability; however,
5. In revision to the Administrative Order issued on March 19, 2020, final protection from abuse hearings will no longer be deemed matters falling within the purview of essential judicial functions.
6. All motions for an emergency hearing must specify why an emergency hearing is necessary, and must contain the following certification:

I, the undersigned, verify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I further verify that I have not knowingly come into contact with anyone having, or suspected of having, exposure to the COVID-19 virus, nor do I have, nor am I suspected of having, the COVID-19 virus. I have not been quarantined or isolated, nor am I awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test. I understand that any false statements contained herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

BY THE COURT,



John F. Spataro, P.J.