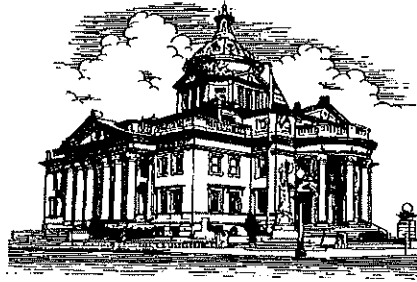


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SOMERSET COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

March 26, 2020

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
C/O John Vaskov, Esq
Deputy Prothonotary
801 City-County Building
414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mr. Voskov Esquire,

Enclosed is Somerset County's Administrative Order outlining our procedures during this pandemic for Dependency Cases for filing.

I will also be emailing this to the State Court Administrator and Stacey Witalec for publication on the AOPC website.

Thanks in advance for filing.

Stay safe and healthy!!!


Tammy Lambie

CC: Geoff Moulton, State Court Administrator
Stacey Witalec, Communications Director
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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF SOMERSET COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ADMINISTRATIVE DOCKET

IN RE:)
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)
CONCERNING SOMERSET COUNTY) NO. _____ AD 2020
JUVENILE DEPENDENCY ORDERS)
RELATIVE TO COVID-19 MATTERS)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

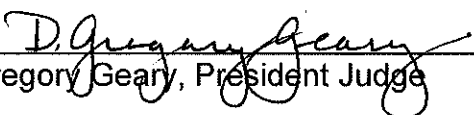
AND NOW, this 26 day of March, 2020, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that due to public health advisories to reduce exposure to COVID-19 and slow the spread of the disease, visitation provisions for adjudicated youth will be modified.

All visitation by Order and/or Pennsylvania Code Sections 3130.68 and 3490.235 between an adjudicated youth in placement and their parent, guardian, sibling or prospective placement resource; Guardian *ad Litem*s or Counsel and Somerset County Office of Children and Youth staff shall be done by a method of telecommuting. Telecommuting shall include video conference, telephone calls, including more frequent telephone contacts, and any other means of video or audio communication to effectuate meaningful and effective visitation and/or contact.

FURTHER, it is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that the Somerset County Office of Children and Youth shall make any and all reasonable efforts to assist families pending the evolving public health advisories concerning COVID-19 to carry out telecommuting visitation.

FURTHER, this Order shall remain in effect until further Administrative Order of Court.

BY THE COURT:



D. Gregory Geary, President Judge