



JUDGE'S CHAMBERS
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY
FIFTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
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April 13, 2020

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Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Western District
310 Grant Street, Suite 2525
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Re: Clarification of Declaration of Extension of Fifty-Third
Judicial District Judicial Emergency, No. 25 WM 2020

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed herein please find the Order of Court In Re:
Clarification of Declaration of Extension of Fifty-Third
Judicial District Judicial Emergency, No. 25 MW 2020

Very truly yours,

Dominick Motto

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CC w/Enclosure: Michael A. Occhibone, District Court
Administrator
Board of Judges
All Magisterial District Court Judges
District Attorney
Chief Public Defender
Board of Commissioners
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
WESTERN DISTRICT

IN RE: CLARIFICATION OF : NO. 25 WM 2020
DECLARATION OF EXTENSION:
OF FIFTY-THIRD JUDICIAL :
DISTRICT JUDICIAL :
EMERGENCY :

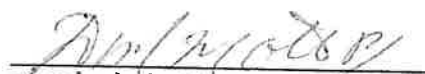
DECLARATION

AND NOW, this 13th day of April, 2020, consistent with the Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated April 1, 2020, this Court having declared on April 13, 2020, that the judicial emergency in the Fifty-Third Judicial District of Pennsylvania be extended through May 31, 2020, it is further ORDERED that any case postponed due to this emergency be scheduled after May 31, 2020 and that any postponement caused by the judicial emergency shall be considered a court postponement and shall constitute excludable time for purposes of the application of Rule 600. See *Commonwealth v. Bradford*, 46 A.3d 693 (Pa. 2012) and *Commonwealth v. Mills*, 162 A.3d 323 (Pa. 2017).

This Order clarifies the order of April 13, 2020, in that while the operation of Rule 600 has only been suspended until April 30, 2020, any postponements in the Fifty-Third Judicial District caused by the judicial emergency shall constitute excludable time, subject to constitutional limitations.

BY THE COURT:

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 , P.J.
Dominick Motto, President Judge
53rd Judicial District
April 13, 2020