



JUDGE'S CHAMBERS
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY
FIFTY-THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
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DOMINICK MOTTO
PRESIDENT JUDGE

December 4, 2020

Office of the Prothonotary
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Western District
414 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Re: Declaration of Judicial Emergency, No. 25 WM 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Enclosed herein for filing in your office, please find the Administrative Order dated December 4, 2020 which closes non-essential services until January 4, 2021.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dominick Motto, P.J.".

Dominick Motto

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CC w/Enclosure: Michael A. Occhibone, District Court
Administrator
Geoff Moulton, Court Administrator of
Pennsylvania
Stacy Witalec, Communications Director

IN RE: CLOSING OF JUDICIAL : IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
OPERATIONS IN THE 53RD JUDICIAL : LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
DISTRICT :
: NO. 25 WM 2020
: NO. 90040 OF 2020, A.D.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF COURT

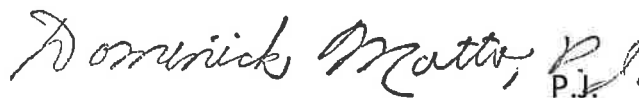
NOW, this 4th day of December 2020, the Court having declared a State of Judicial Emergency, it is ORDERED and DECREED that the Lawrence County Court of Common Pleas is hereby closed to the public until January 4, 2021, except for essential court proceedings, effective December 7, 2020.

Essential court proceedings shall include emergency PFA proceedings, arraignments, bench warrant rescissions, emergency civil and criminal motions to be scheduled through Court Administration, emergency juvenile and child dependency proceedings, and any other proceeding deemed essential by a Judge.

Magisterial District Court Judges' offices shall be closed, except that a Magisterial District Court Judge shall be available on an on-call basis on a schedule to be determined by the Court Administrator.

The Prothonotary shall exit this Order to all Lawrence County Common Pleas Court Judges and Magisterial District Court Judges, District Court Administrator, Central Court Administrator, District Attorney of Lawrence County, Public Defender of Lawrence County, Board of County Commissioners, County Administrator, County Controller, Sheriff of Lawrence County, Prothonotary of Lawrence County, Director of Adult Probation, Director of Juvenile Probation, Director of Domestic Relations, and Warden of the Lawrence County Jail.

BY THE COURT:



President Judge Dominick Motto

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