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Changes Due to COVID-19**

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Jurisdiction	Date of Order	Order Number	Content
Florida Supreme Court	Last Order Dated March 30, 2020	Fla. Admin. Order Nos. AOSC20-13; AOSC20-16; and AOSC20-17	<p>The below mentioned items are suspended until Friday April 27, 2020 pursuant to AOSC20-16 and 17:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All jury trials, grand jury proceedings, jury selection proceedings, criminal and civil jury trials. 2. Speedy trial procedure. 3. Procedural requirements and limitations which could hinder efforts to mitigate COVID-19 effects. 4. All rules of procedure, court orders, and opinions applicable to court proceedings that limit or prohibit use of communication equipment for the conducting of proceedings by remote electronic means. 5. Requirements that notaries be in presence of witnesses for administering oath for depositions or testimony so long as notary can both see and hear witness via audiovideo communications. <p>All courts are encouraged to take all possible steps to facilitate conducting proceedings with the use of technology.</p> <p>Below is a link to each referenced Administrative Order:</p> <p>http://www.jud12.flcourts.org/Portals/o/AdminOrders/AOSC20-13.pdf?ver=2020-03-13-155639-413 https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/content/download/632431/7186205/AOSC20-17.pdf https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/content/download/632105/7182680/AOSC20-16.pdf Updates can be found here: https://www.floridabar.org/news/releases/covid19/</p>
Florida Circuit Courts	March 17, 2020	Fla. Admin. Order No. 20-15	<p>Pursuant to AO 20-15:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All non-essential proceedings and proceedings not critical to the state of emergency or the public health emergency are cancelled until April 17, 2020. 2. If the chief judge for the circuit determines that non-essential proceedings or events can be effectively conducted remotely without the necessity of in-person court appearances, those non-essential proceedings can continue. 3. If extraordinary circumstances exist and essential proceedings must be delayed courts must attempt to minimize delays. 4. Essential proceedings are defined as: <p>First appearance; criminal arraignments as necessary; hearings on motions to set or modify monetary bail for individuals who are in custody; juvenile dependency shelter hearings; juvenile delinquency detention hearings; hearings on petitions for temporary injunctions relating to safety of an individual; hearings on petitions for risk protection orders; hearings on petitions for the appointment of an emergency temporary guardian; hearings to determine whether an individual should be involuntarily committed under the Baker Act or the Marchman Act; and hearings on petitions for extraordinary writs as necessary to protect constitutional rights. All proceedings related to the state of emergency or the public health emergency, including but not limited to proceedings related to: violation of quarantine or isolation; violation of orders to limit travel; violation of orders to close public or private buildings; and enforcement of curfew orders</p> <p>Below is a link to the Administrative Order: https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/content/download/631996/7181425/AOSC20-15.pdf Updates can be found here: https://www.floridabar.org/news/releases/covid19/</p>

<p>United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit</p>	<p>Last Order Dated March 20, 2020</p>	<p>General Order Nos. 44 and 45</p>	<p>Pursuant to General Orders Nos. 44 and 45:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Access to the Elbert P. Tuttle Courthouse and John C. Godbold Federal Building is restricted to judges, court staff, members of the media, and visitors with official business with the Court. 2. Individuals delivering required filings, pleadings, and briefs must use the drop box inside the entrance to the Godbold Building on Poplar Street between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on business days. 3. Panels may hear any or all oral arguments by audio or teleconferencing instead of in person. <p>Below is a link to each referenced Administrative Order:</p> <p>http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/courtdocs/clk/GeneralOrder44.pdf</p> <p>http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/courtdocs/clk/GeneralOrder45.pdf</p> <p>Updates can be found here: http://www.ca11.uscourts.gov/</p>
<p>United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida</p>	<p>March 23, 2020</p>	<p>Administrative Order 2020-0323</p>	<p>Pursuant to AO 2020-0323:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Court staff, except for those required to assist with emergency matters, have been directed to telework. 2. The Court's electronic filing system continues to accept filings and the Clerk's Office continues to accept paper filings through the mail. 3. Clerk's Office staff continues to answer telephone calls from jurors, attorneys, and the public. 4. Jury trials and grand jury proceedings cancelled. 5. Central Violations Bureau (CVB) initial appearances have been cancelled for the months of March, April, and May. 6. Naturalization ceremonies have been cancelled for the months of March and April. 7. In-person hearings, when possible, have been converted to telephonic or video conference hearings. 8. All Court locations within the Northern District of Florida have been closed to the public, except for those individuals who are required to attend in-person hearings, trials, or other necessary matters before the Court. <p>Below is a link to the Administrative Order:</p> <p>http://www.flnd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/general-ordes/20200323_AdminOrder_COVID19_Summary_Fina.pdf%5B87%5D.pdf</p> <p>Updates can be found here: http://www.flnd.uscourts.gov/</p>
<p>United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida</p>	<p>Last Order Dated March 20, 2020</p>	<p>Admin. Order Nos. 8:20-mc-25; 2:20-MC-3-38FtM; 3:20-mc-5-J-32; 6:20-mc-00017-RBD</p>	<p>Pursuant to the referenced Administrative Orders:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Court's electronic filing system continues to accept filings and the Clerk's Office continues to accept paper filings through the mail. 2. Fort Myers and Jacksonville Division: All jury trials scheduled to begin before May 31, 2020, are pending further order of the Court. All trial specific deadlines in civil and criminal cases scheduled to begin before May 31, 2020, are continued pending further notice. Individual judges will continue to conduct hearings, conferences, and bench trials at their discretion and are encouraged to conduct court proceedings by telephone or video conference. 3. Orlando Division: All jury trials scheduled to begin before June 30, 2020, are continued pending further order of the court. All trial specific deadlines in criminal cases scheduled to begin before June 30, 2020, are continued pending further notice. Individual judges will continue to conduct hearings, conferences, and bench trials at their discretion and are encouraged to conduct court proceedings by telephone or video conference. 4. The court has placed restrictions on persons entering the Court who have traveled to certain countries, have been quarantined, diagnosed with COVID-19, or in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19. <p>Below are links to the referenced Administrative Orders:</p> <p>https://www.flmd.uscourts.gov/sites/flmd/files/documents/flmd-administrative-order-the-national-emergency-declared-on-march-13-2020-8-20-mc-25.pdf</p> <p>https://www.flmd.uscourts.gov/sites/flmd/files/documents/flmd-in-re-coronavirus-public-emergency-order-concerning-jury-trials-and-other-proceedings-220-mc-3-38ftm.pdf</p> <p>https://www.flmd.uscourts.gov/sites/flmd/files/documents/flmd-order-concerning-jury-trials-and-other-proceedings-jacksonville-only-3-20-mc-5-j-32.pdf</p>

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United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida	Last Order Dated March 28, 2020	Admin. Order Nos. 2020-18, 2020-20, 2020-21, 2020-22 and 2020-23	<p>Pursuant to the referenced Administrative Orders, the below items are continued pending further order of the Court:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All grand jury sessions and jury trials. 2. All trial-specific deadlines in criminal trials. 3. Suspended speedy trial procedure until April 27, 2020. <p>Individual judges may continue to hold essential hearings, conferences, and bench trials in the exercise of their discretion, consistent with this Order but are strongly encouraged to conduct proceedings by telephone or video conference where practicable.</p> <p>Under AO 2020-23, judges, with the consent of the defendant or juvenile, can use video or telephonic conferencing for essential criminal proceedings for 90 days from March 28, 2020.</p> <p>Below is a link to all referenced Administrative Orders: https://www.flmd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-updates</p>
First District Court of Appeals	March 19, 2020	"Message to the Public"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All oral arguments scheduled through the end of April have been postponed or canceled. The panel assigned to hear each affected case will determine whether to reschedule the oral argument or to decide the case without oral argument. 2. Electronic Filing and Service of Documents: Documents may be filed electronically in the First District Court of Appeal through the Florida Courts E-Filing Portal. <p>A link to the Message can be found here: https://www.idca.org/content/download/631942/7180822/A%20MESSAGE%20TO%20THE%20PUBLIC_updated%203-19-20.pdf</p> <p>Updates can be found here: https://www.idca.org/</p>
Second District Court of Appeals	March 16, 2020	"Coronavirus Update"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All oral arguments scheduled through April have been postponed or canceled. <p>A link to the Update can be found here: https://www.2dca.org/About-the-Court/Court-News/Coronavirus-Update-Cancellation-of-Oral-Arguments</p> <p>Updates can be found here: https://www.2dca.org/</p>
Third District Court of Appeals	March 20, 2020	"Message Regarding Oral Arguments"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Courthouse is closed entirely. 2. Oral argument sessions scheduled for April are canceled. The assigned panel members will determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether to reschedule the oral argument or decide the case without oral argument. <p>A link to the Message can be found here: https://www.3dca.flcourts.org/About-the-Court/Court-Alerts-Information/MESSAGE-REGARDING-ORAL-ARGUMENTS-SCHEDULED-FOR-APRIL-20202</p> <p>Updates can be found here: https://www.3dca.flcourts.org/</p>
Fourth District Court of Appeals	March 19, 2020	"Notice to Self-Represented Filers and Visitors to the Clerk's Office"; General Announcement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The courthouse is otherwise closed to public access until further notice. The courthouse remains open and operational to authorized employees and those with pre-approval for entrance. 2. In-person oral argument sessions scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th, Monday, March 30th, and Tuesday, April 7th have been canceled. <p>A link to the Notice can be found here: https://www.4dca.org/About-the-Court/Court-News/Notice-to-Self-Represented-Filers-and-Visitors-to-the-Clerk-s-Office</p> <p>Updates can be found here: https://www.4dca.org/</p>
Fifth District Court of Appeals	Undated	"Important Message to the Public Concerning COVID-19"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Courthouse is closed entirely to the public. 2. Oral argument sessions scheduled through the end of April are canceled. The assigned panel members will determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether to reschedule the oral argument or decide the case without oral argument. <p>A link to the Message can be found here: https://www.5dca.org/content/download/631884/7180180/Fifth%20District%20Court%20of%20Appeal%20Msg%20to%20the%20Public.pdf</p> <p>Updates can be found here: https://www.5dca.org/</p>

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