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With the judicial emergency behind us, I want to take a minute to thank you all for your cooperation as we struggled to accommodate virtual hearings, handled jury trials under less than ideal conditions and reduced the size of our dockets. I realize that this does not mean that Covid 19 no longer exists. Therefore, anyone who wishes to wear a mask may still do so.

The following docket changes will remain in place;

- \* The Civil motions docket will continue to take place at 10:30 on Friday.
- \* Pre-trial conference hearings for jury trials will be heard in person, two Wednesdays in advance of the trial at 1:00. Criminal defendants are expected to be present as it is a material stage of the proceeding.
- \* Pre-trial conference hearings for bench trials will be heard in person, on Thursdays at 1:00. All domestic parties are expected to be present.

One of the major changes that occurred in the last few years was the increase in virtual hearings. As many of you are aware, our technology at times worked and at times it did not. Kimberly Luckey and Stephen Lofaso have agreed to lead a technology committee geared towards improving our technological capabilities. With that in mind, the court will work on a web-ex policy that will hopefully allow individuals to appear remotely when circumstances justify it. As soon as we have an updated policy it will be communicated to you all.

Sincerely,

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 31<sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

**SPECIAL ORDER OF JULY 8, 2022**

**IN RECOGNITION OF** the conclusion of the Judicial State of Emergency, the Court has determined that it is now possible to remove the remaining limitations put in place by the prior orders of this Court;

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the limitations put in place by the March 16, 2020, April 22, 2020, April 23, 2020, May 15, 2020, December 2, 2020, January 6, 2021, February 16, 2021, and March 22, 2021 Orders and Memoranda are hereby lifted.

**ENTERED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022

  
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**KIMBERLY A. IRVING, Chief Judge**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**