

VIRGINIA :

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF MARCH 16, 2020

UPON CONSIDERATION of the Supreme Court's Declaration of a Judicial Emergency, it is hereby further ORDERED as follows:

The Special Continuing Order entered on March 13, 2020 will remain in full force and effect except as modified or limited by the Supreme Court's Declaration.

The following additional docket changes will take effect immediately, except as otherwise noted:

**Criminal Cases:**

One judge will be designated to hear video arraignments and bond motions in courtroom 4 each day at 10:00 a.m. Bond motions must be filed two days in advance of the hearing in accordance with existing practice.

Subject to a defendant's right to a speedy trial, all pleas and trials for non-incarcerated defendants will be continued. Counsel must notify the court if a defendant's speedy trial rights are implicated. Pleas and trials scheduled between Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and April 6, 2020 will be continued to the May term day docket. Pleas and trials scheduled between April 7, 2020 and April 30, 2020 will be continued to the June term day docket. **The criminal docket for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 will go forward unchanged as it is too late to modify that docket.**

All pleas and trials for incarcerated defendants will go forward as scheduled.

Sentencing and revocation hearings for non-incarcerated defendants will be continued to the assigned judge's June sentencing date. Sentencing and revocation hearings for incarcerated defendants will go forward as scheduled.

Pretrial motions for incarcerated defendants and defendants whose speedy trial rights are implicated will be heard on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in accordance with the current practice.

**Civil Cases:**

Civil trials originally scheduled between Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and April 6, 2020 will be continued to the May term day docket. Civil trials originally scheduled between April 7, 2020 and April 30, 2020 will be continued to the June term day docket.

Civil motions may be re-set for a motions day after April 30, 2020 by filing a Praecipe/Notice with the Clerk of Court. Such filings may be by electronic mail to [circuitcourt@pwcgov.org](mailto:circuitcourt@pwcgov.org). Counsel and parties should be aware that a cap on the number of cases may need to be imposed. If all parties agree, the court may consider, in appropriate cases, ruling on motions without argument based upon the memoranda filed. Uncontested Petitions for Emergency Guardianship may be disposed of by submitting a fully endorsed agreed order to Chambers.

Motions for extension of restricted operators licenses may be entered in Chambers. The court will enter an Order extending restricted driving privileges for 60 days from the stated expiration date.

There may be further adjustments to the Court's dockets if the public health situation warrants. Any such changes will be communicated by a separate Order.

ENTERED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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Tracy C. Hudson, Chief Judge  
Circuit Court