

VIRGINIA :

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 31<sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**Modification of Phase III Resumption of Court Operations Plan for**  
**Civil Term Day Procedures**

In modifying Civil Term Day Procedures for COVID-19 safety precautions, we divided the docket into four separate groups. However, after using these procedures in September and October 2020, we found that dividing the docket into two groups would expedite the process while continuing to ensure the health and safety of those present in the Courthouse.

The November Civil Term Day (set on November 4, 2020 due to election day on November 3, 2020) and all subsequent Term Days, until further notice, will be divided alphabetically into two (2) groups by the Plaintiff's last name or entity name. The Judge will call cases by group as follows:

**Group 1:** 2:00 p.m.

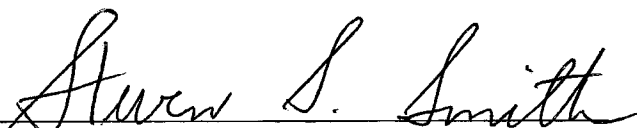
- A – L (and all Protective Order Appeals and Juvenile Appeals)

**Group 2:** 2:45 p.m.

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Please note, all parties following court procedures may set trial dates by contacting judges' chambers until the Friday before Term Day in lieu of appearing for Term Day.

ENTERED this 27 day of October, 2020.

  
Steven S. Smith, Chief Judge  
Circuit Court