

**VIRGINIA:**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 31<sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
GENERAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE 31<sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT  
OF THE 31<sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL CONTINUING ORDER**

The Chief Judges of the Circuit Court, General District Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the Thirty-First Judicial Circuit, being of the opinion that a temporary change in the policy for continuance of cases is in the public interest, the Governor having declared a state of emergency, and that the same will promote the continued orderly administration of justice, have adopted the following temporary revised policy:


Cases that are presently scheduled for trial or hearing between March 16, 2020 and April 30, 2020 may be continued without a further showing of good cause in the following circumstances:

- (1) A fully endorsed Agreed Order is submitted to the appropriate judges' chambers; or
- (2) Subject to speedy trial considerations, the court is advised that an attorney of record, one of the parties or an important witness is experiencing flu-like symptoms, or is under either self-quarantine or mandatory quarantine, or is caring for a family member who is experiencing flu-like symptoms or is under either self-quarantine or mandatory quarantine.

All requests should be submitted by electronic mail to the respective Court's designated contact. The requesting counsel or party must notify the opposing counsel or party of the request prior to contacting the Court and by emailing the Court is deemed to have certified that this requirement has been complied with. Each party should notify their own witnesses of the continuance. Circuit Court cases will be continued to the next Term Day. The District Courts will advise as to the continuance date once the continuance has been granted.

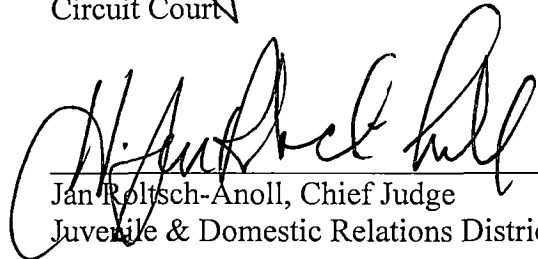
This policy may be extended beyond April 30, 2020 if the public health situation warrants, in which case the Bar Association will be so advised.

ENTERED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



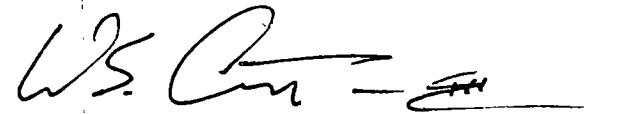
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Tracy C. Hudson, Chief Judge  
Circuit Court



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Jan Roltsch-Anoll, Chief Judge  
Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court



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Wallace S. Covington, Chief Judge  
General District Court