

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

PROBATE DIVISION

COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO

MAR 16 2020
THOMAS M. BARONZZI
JUDGE

IN THE MATTER OF:

JUDGMENT ENTRY

**COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED
BY COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)**

CASE NO. 2020 MM 00001

This Court issues this general Administrative Order in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Ohio and Nationwide. Due to the confirmed cases of COVID-19, the Governor of the State of Ohio, Michael DeWine, has declared a State of Emergency which, among other things, limits indoor gatherings. The Governor's declaration follows the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Interim Guidance Recommendation that all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Given the outbreak of cases of COVID-19 in Ohio, the severity of risk posed to the public, the CDC mandate, and the Governor's Declaration, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that effective Monday, March 16th, 2020:

1. All civil Trials scheduled before this Court and any associated deadlines are continued for thirty (30) days pending further order of the Court.
2. All scheduled civil Trials are hereby converted to Pre-trial Hearings to be conducted at the date and time as scheduled for Trial.
3. All Pre-trials shall be held by telephone between the Court and attorneys for the parties. Attorneys shall have their clients available by telephone for contact if needed. All parties not represented by attorneys of record with the Court shall also be available to participate in Pre-trial Hearings by telephone. The telephone Pre-trials will be initiated by the Court.
4. The Court will continue to hear emergency and guardianship establishment hearings as well as civil commitment proceedings under R.C. 5122.
5. Case by case exceptions to the continuances provided by this order may be ordered by the Court after consultation with counsel.

6. This Order does not affect the Court's consideration of civil matters that can be resolved upon motion without oral argument.
7. All other non-essential services of the Court including, but not limited to, marriage license applications shall not be processed by the Court until further order of the Court.
8. All appearances before the Court shall be limited and conducted to the extent possible in a manner that avoids unnecessary public contact.

The Columbiana County Probate and Juvenile Divisions of the Court of Common Pleas shall remain open. The public may continue to utilize the court's services while following all applicable public health guidelines. Personal appearance at the courts shall be limited to those of strict necessity.

This Order will be reviewed not later than April 16th, 2020, at which point the Court will amend, vacate or continue this Order.

The Deputy Clerk shall enter the judgment upon the Court's journal and within three (3) days thereafter shall serve upon all parties not in default for failure to appear notice of the judgment and its date of entry upon the journal.

All until further order of the Court.



THOMAS M. BARONZZI
Judge

cc: Columbiana County Bar Association (via email)
Columbiana County Commissioners
Columbiana County Municipal Court
Columbiana County Court of Common Pleas, General Division
Columbiana County East Liverpool Municipal Court
Columbiana County Health Department
Ohio Judicial Conference

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PROOF OF SERVICE

A copy of the enclosed Entry was entered upon the journal of the Court by the Deputy Clerk on the 16 day of March, 2020 in conformity with Civil Rule 58B and served upon the above named parties, or their counsel, pursuant to Civil Rule 5.


Deputy Clerk