
IN THE CHANCERY AND CIRCUIT COURTS

FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY

STANDING ORDER

Pursuant to the directive of the Tennessee Supreme Court's Order Suspending In-Person Court Proceedings filed on March 13, 2020, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

- 1. All trials and hearings of any kind scheduled before the undersigned Judges between March 16, 2020, and March 31, 2020, are hereby continued, and all in-person court proceedings are suspended until April 1, 2020;**
- 2. Any case, trial or hearing hereby continued can be rescheduled to a date after April 1, 2020. Attorneys may contact the clerks' offices for new hearing dates;**
- 3. The undersigned Judges will be available during this period of suspension for emergency hearings, injunctive relief, Orders of Protection, or any other emergency proceeding allowed by the Supreme Court Order. Telephonic and/or video conferencing hearings may be conducted at the discretion of the Judge. Any follow-up hearings necessary based on an emergency order will be set by the Judge;**
- 4. The Circuit and Chancery Court Clerks' offices will remain open and accept any necessary court filings as usual;**

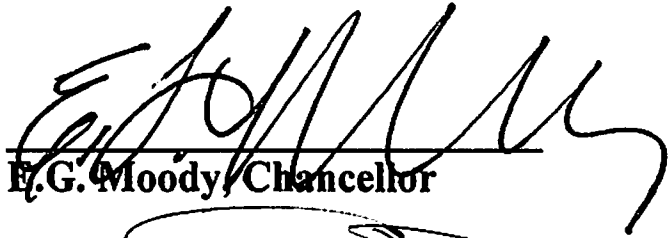
- 5. All requests for emergency or injunctive hearings should be directed to the assistant of the Judge to whom the case is assigned;**

- 6. Uncontested divorces on the grounds of irreconcilable differences may be submitted to the Court once statutory requirements have been met. Counsel shall submit all completed paperwork to include, but not limited to, Final Decree, Marital Dissolution Agreement, Parenting Plan, Parent Education Certificates, etc. The Court will review the parties' submissions together with the Court file and, if appropriate, will sign the submitted Order granting the divorce on the grounds of irreconcilable differences without a hearing; and**

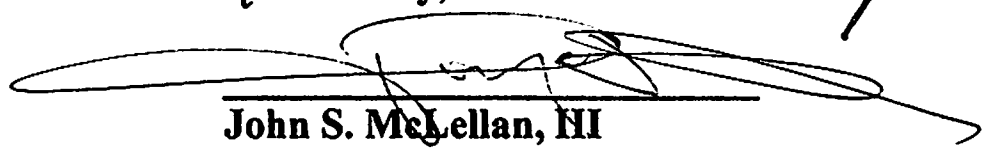
- 7. Uncontested Divorces, on grounds other than irreconcilable differences, will also be considered under the criteria outlined in Section 6 if the statutory requirements of Rule 55 of the T.R.C.P. and the Local Rules are met.**

Clerks, enter this Standing Order and serve a copy, via email, on the local bar associations and all attorneys practicing in this Judicial District.

It is, accordingly, SO ORDERED, this the 18th day of March, 2020.

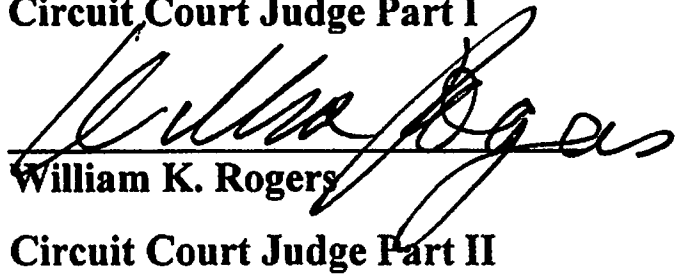


E.G. Moody, Chancellor



John S. McLellan, III

Circuit Court Judge Part I



William K. Rogers

Circuit Court Judge Part II