

IN THE CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY COURTS
FOR THE 21ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT WILLIAMSON COUNTY

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IN RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-0002

**SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER IMPLEMENTING TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT
ORDER ADM2020-428 SUSPENDING IN-PERSON COURT PROCEEDINGS**

WHEREAS: The Tennessee Supreme Court issued ADM2020-428 suspending in-person court proceedings, with certain limited exceptions, effective March 13, 2020 through March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS: General Administrative Order No 2020-0001 was entered on March 18, 2020 implementing ADM2020-428; and

WHEREAS: On Friday, March 20, 2020 the Chief Justice of Tennessee issued further guidance to the courts of record in Tennessee concerning the implementation of ADM2020-428.

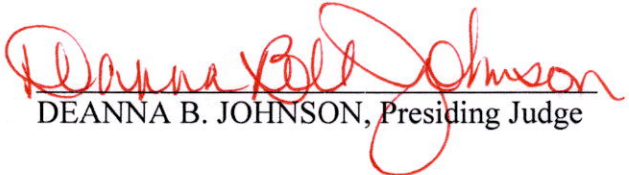
THEREFORE: The following guidance and clarifications are hereby promulgated to promote the efficient administration of criminal and civil dockets in Williamson County during the pendency of ADM2020-428:

1. ADM2020-428 and this court's Gen. Admin. Order 2020-001 do NOT toll the requirements of Local Rule 5.03, including specifically Local Rule 5.03(c) applicable to filing and service of written oppositions to pending motions.
2. Filing and service of motion papers via email is encouraged.
3. Service of papers related to discovery via email is encouraged.

4. ADM2020-428 and this court's Gen. Admin. Order 2020-001 do NOT toll the provisions of any orders compelling discovery.
5. ADM2020-428 and this court's Gen. Admin. Order 2020-001 do NOT prohibit the taking of depositions. The use of teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or other technological alternatives to in-person attendance at depositions is encouraged. Counsel of record are ordered to reasonably accommodate each other in the implementation of this guidance.
6. *Ex parte* orders related to relief from abuse (including orders of protection) or related to emergency child custody are specifically exempt from the suspension of in-person court proceedings by ADM2020-428 and the trial courts shall hold hearings to address such *ex parte* orders as soon as reasonably practicable. Technological alternatives to in-person attendance will be used to the extent reasonably practicable.

Judge Michael Spitzer, Circuit Judge Division V is hereby delegated authority to promulgate such guidance and clarification he deems necessary in order to promote the efficient administration of ADM2020-428 in the circuit and chancery courts of Hickman, Lewis, and Perry Counties.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 23rd DAY OF MARCH, 2020.


DEANNA B. JOHNSON, Presiding Judge