

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR DUVAL, CLAY AND NASSAU COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-06**

**RE: SUSPENSION OF CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURT CIVIL JURY TRIALS DUE  
TO THE CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis of the State of Florida declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus in our State;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Supreme Court of Florida entered Administrative Order No. AOSC20-13 regarding COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts, which ordered the temporary suspension of various court proceedings, including civil jury trials;

**WHEREAS**, in order to follow the instructions from Governor DeSantis and the Supreme Court of Florida, and in order to appropriately respond to the current public health emergency, this Court is suspending all Circuit and County Court civil jury trials through May 1, 2020;

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the authority vested in me as the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and pursuant to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is hereby

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that:

1. As of March 17, 2020, this Court is suspending all Circuit and County Court civil jury trials through May 1, 2020.
2. This Administrative Order will be subject to change depending upon the development of our current public health emergency.
3. This Administrative Order No. 2020-06 shall be recorded by the Clerk of the Court, in the Official Records of Duval, Clay, and Nassau Counties, in the State of Florida, shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in full force and effect until further order of this Court.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, this  
17 day of March, 2020.

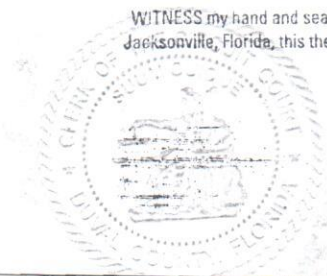
  
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**MARK H. MAHON**  
**CHIEF JUDGE**

- cc: All Judges in the Fourth Judicial Circuit
- All Magistrates in the Fourth Judicial Circuit
- The Honorable Ronnie Fussell, Clerk of Courts, Duval County
- The Honorable John A. Crawford, Clerk of Courts, Nassau County
- The Honorable Tara S. Green, Clerk of Courts, Clay County
- The Honorable Charles G. Cofer, Esq., Public Defender
- The Honorable Melissa W. Nelson, Esq., State Attorney
- The Honorable Jason R. Gabriel, Esq., General Counsel
- The Honorable Mike Williams, Sheriff, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
- The Honorable Darryl Daniels, Sheriff, Clay County Sheriff's Office
- The Honorable Bill Leeper, Sheriff, Nassau County Sheriff's Office
- Major Claude Colvin, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Security
- Joseph G. Stelma, Fourth Judicial Circuit Trial Court Administrator
- Eve Janocko, Chief Deputy Trial Court Administrator
- Mike Smith, Court Technology Officer
- Julie K. Taylor, Court Counsel
- Stephen Siegel, Esq., Office of the State Attorney
- Janet Abel, Circuit Director, Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel
- Fourth Circuit Court Law Library, Duval County
- Judicial Staff Attorneys, Fourth Judicial Circuit
- The Jacksonville Bar Association
- Nassau County Bar Association
- Clay County Bar Association

STATE OF FLORIDA  
 DUVAL COUNTY

I, THE UNDERSIGNED Clerk of the Circuit Court, Duval County, Florida, DO HEREBY CERTIFY the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as it appears on record and file in the office of the Clerk of Circuit of Duval County, Florida, and the same is in full force and effect.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Clerk of Circuit Court at Jacksonville, Florida, this the 17 day of May, A.D., 2020



**RONNIE FUSSELL**  
 Clerk, Circuit and County Courts  
 Duval County, Florida

By Melvin J. Maxwell  
 Deputy Clerk