

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-12

**RE: ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS AND SERVICES PROVIDED
DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to First Amended Administrative Order No. 2020-09, entered in Duval County on March 27, 2020, restrictions have been placed upon access to the Duval County Courthouse as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency;

WHEREAS, pursuant to an Administrative Order entered in Clay County on March 23, 2020, restrictions have been placed upon access to the Judge William A. Wilkes Judicial Complex as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2020-3 entered in Nassau County on March 19, 2020, restrictions have been placed upon access to the Robert M. Foster Justice Center and the Historic Courthouse in Fernandina Beach as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency;

WHEREAS, during this period of restricted access to the courthouses in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, attorneys, members of the general public, and other parties that attend court proceedings or that obtain services from the courthouses are doing so by teleconferencing, video conferencing and other similar electronic methods;

WHEREAS, in the regular course of business during normal operations in all courthouses of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, any type of electronic recording is not permitted absent the permission of the Chief Judge or the presiding judge pursuant to Amended Administrative Order No. 2018-11; Amended Administrative Order No. 2018-02, and Amended Administrative Order No. 2018-06;

WHEREAS, during this period of restricted access to the courthouses in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, no person who is participating in any proceeding or obtaining any service at a courthouse within the Fourth Judicial Circuit, whether in person or by teleconferencing, video

conferencing or any other similar electronic method, shall be permitted to electronically record any such proceeding or service absent permission from the Chief Judge or the presiding judge pursuant to Amended Administrative Order No. 2018-11, Amended Administrative Order No. 2018-02, and Amended Administrative Order No. 2018-06;

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. Amended Administrative Order No. 2018-11, Amended Administrative Order No. 2018-02, and Amended Administrative Order No. 2018-06 are in full force and effect during the current COVID-19 public health emergency.
2. No person who is participating in any proceeding or obtaining any service at a courthouse within the Fourth Judicial Circuit, whether in person or by teleconferencing, video conferencing or any other similar electronic method, shall be permitted to electronically record any such proceeding or service absent permission from the Chief Judge or the presiding judge pursuant to Amended Administrative Order No. 2018-11, Amended Administrative Order No. 2018-02, and Amended Administrative Order No. 2018-06.
3. This Administrative Order 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 14th day of April, 2020.


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
 Reginald Exum, Duval County Courthouse Operations Manager
 Steven Woodard, Emergency Preparedness Director
 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 1 day of April A.D., 2020

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

By Melvin M...
 Deputy Clerk

