

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-13

**RE: SUSPENSION OF CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURT CIVIL JURY TRIALS DUE
TO THE CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY THROUGH MAY
29, 2020**

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 entered Administrative Order No. 2020-06 on March 17, 2020, which suspended all Circuit and County Court civil jury trials through May 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the Supreme Court of Florida entered Administrative Order No. AOSC20-23 regarding Comprehensive COVID-19 Emergency Measures for the Florida State Courts that extended "previously enacted temporary remedial measures...until the close of business on May 29, 2020";

WHEREAS, in order to continue to comply with the instructions from Governor DeSantis and the Supreme Court of Florida, this Court is further suspending all Circuit and County Court civil jury trials through May 29, 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 the date of this order, this Court is suspending all Circuit and County Court civil jury trials through May 29, 2020.
2. This Administrative Order will be subject to change depending upon the development of our current public health emergency.

3. This Administrative Order shall be recorded by the Clerk of the Court, in the Official Records of Duval County, 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 23rd 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 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
 - 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
 - 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

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 23rd day of Apr, A.D., 2020

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

By 
Deputy Clerk

