

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

In Re: Judicial Emergency

Supervisory Order
No. 2020-SO-34

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ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 24th day of April, 2020, pursuant to Rule of Judicial Administration 1952(a) and pursuant to the Order of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court dated March 16, 2020 as supplemented by Orders of Court dated March 18, 2020 and April 1, 2020, it is hereby Ordered:

1. The Fifty-First Judicial District Judicial Emergency. The Judicial Emergency declared in the Fifty-First Judicial District by Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-16 dated March 16, 2020 as amended on April 3, 2020 is extended through and including May 26, 2020. All Courts, including Magisterial District Judge Court, within the Judicial District shall remain generally closed to the public through May 22, 2020. However, court business, including judicial proceedings, will be phased in during the course of this Judicial Emergency as more specifically set forth hereinbelow. This Order is entered with a balance between the Courts' constitutional duty to remain open for public access and the social responsibility to safeguard the health and safety of court personnel, court users, and members of the public. Should circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 epidemic change, this Order is subject to immediate modification.

Except as provided herein, all provisions in Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-31 dated April 3, 2020 as amended by Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-31A dated April 9, 2020 shall remain in full force and effect through 8:00 a.m. on May 26, 2020 at which time they shall expire absent further Order of Court.

2. Public Access to All Court Offices for purposes of conducting court business is prohibited except as otherwise provided in this Order. For purposes of this Order and in addition to the Court and the Magisterial District Courts, Court Offices include: the Department of Probation Services, the Domestic Relations Office, the Department of Operational Services, the Clerk of Courts

1 /Clerk of Orphans' Court Office, the Prothonotary's Office, the Register and
2 Recorder of Deeds Office, and Court Administration. Any person, including
3 employees, entering the Adams County Courthouse or the Adams County
4 Human Services Building for purposes of conducting court business shall
5 comply with the Adams County Policy Regarding Workplace COVID-19 Safety
6 Measures which was adopted by the Court for court personnel by separate
7 Order dated April 24, 2020. Pursuant to that policy, no visitor or employee may
8 enter the Adams County Courthouse or the Adams County Human Services
9 Building unless wearing a protective face covering. It is further Ordered that the
10 Adams County Security Department may request individuals entering the Adams
11 County Courthouse or the Adams County Human Services Building for court
12 business to submit to a body temperature check. In the event a person refuses
13 to wear a protective face covering, submit to a temperature check, or submits to
14 a temperature check and displays an elevated temperature, that person shall not
15 be permitted access to the Courthouse or Human Services Building. In the
16 event the visitor is a party to an immediate court proceeding, the visitor shall be
17 directed to wait outside of the building and the Security Department shall
18 immediately contact chambers of the presiding Judge for further direction. If the
19 individual is present for purposes of filing a document at a court office, the
20 document shall be left at the Security checkpoint and the filing office immediately
21 notified by Security of the same. The protective face covering restriction shall
22 not apply to children under the age of two (2) or individuals who cannot wear a
23 mask due to a medical condition.

24 **3. Criminal Court Schedule.** The previously adopted criminal court
25 calendar for the month of May 2020 is vacated. In lieu thereof, the following
criminal court schedule is adopted:

May 4, 2020 Criminal Plea Court

May 5, 2020 DUI/Contempt Court

May 7, 2020 Revocation Court

May 11, 2020 Criminal Plea Court

May 14, 2020 Arraignment and Sentencing Court

May 18, 2020 Revocation Court

May 19, 2020 Arraignment and Sentencing Court

May 21, 2020 Criminal Business Court

May 22, 2020 Arraignment and Sentencing Court

May 26, 2020 Arraignment and Sentencing Court

May 28, 2020 DUI/Contempt Court

Court scheduling for June 2020 and thereafter shall follow the regular court calendar previously adopted. **An additional Arraignment and Sentencing Court date is set for June 8, 2020.**

All criminal court proceedings held during the month of May 2020 and the June 8, 2020 Arraignment and Sentencing Court date shall be held at the Courtroom in the Human Services Building commencing at 8:30 a.m. with the exception of the May 21, 2020 Criminal Business Court date which shall commence at 8:30 a.m. in Courtrooms No. 1 and 2 of the Adams County Courthouse. The Court Administrator's Office is directed to stagger the scheduling of individual cases throughout the course of the respective day with the limitation that no more than ten (10) cases may be scheduled within a one-hour block of time. Court Administration is authorized to transfer the scheduling of individual cases among the respective court dates identified above in order to limit the number of cases called on any date to approximately 70 cases per day and in no event more than 85 cases per day. The Court Administrator's Office is further directed to adopt procedures utilizing technological advances to minimize individual contact and in compliance with the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") guidelines. Once individual cases have been time-slotted by Court Administration, the Clerk of Courts/Clerk of Orphans' Court Office shall provide notice of the same to all parties.

4. Long Term Criminal Court Scheduling. Future court scheduling for individuals who are not incarcerated on the date of their formal arraignment shall be as follows:

Arraignment date	DUI date (criminal informations which include any count under 75 Pa. C.S.A. § 3802 et seq)	Plea date (criminal informations which do not include a count under 75 Pa. C.S.A. § 3802 et seq)
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May 14, 2020	July 21, 2020	July 20, 2020
May 19, 2020	July 21, 2020	July 20, 2020
May 22, 2020	August 18, 2020	August 17, 2020
May 26, 2020	August 18, 2020	August 17, 2020
June 8, 2020	August 18, 2020	August 17, 2020

May 14, 2020 and May 19, 2020 arraignment cases shall be scheduled for the August 3, 2020 Criminal Trial Term.
 May 22, 2020, May 26, 2020, and June 8, 2020 arraignment cases shall be scheduled for the October 5, 2020 Criminal Trial Term.

Counsel who enter waiver of formal appearance at arraignment shall advise their client as to the date of their next appearance based upon the foregoing.

For individuals which are incarcerated on the date of formal arraignment, the Adams County District Attorney's Office shall provide written notice of future scheduling pursuant to current practice.

5. Rule 600. The operation of Rule of Criminal Procedure 600 is suspended in the Fifty-First Judicial District through and including May 26, 2020. This time shall be excluded from the time calculation under Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 600(c), however, nothing in this Order shall affect a criminal defendant's right to a speedy trial under the United States' and Pennsylvania's Constitutions.

6. Central Court. Central Court shall resume conducting proceedings effective May 6, 2020. All proceedings however shall be scheduled pursuant to procedure adopted by the Adams County Court Administrator's Office which shall stagger individual cases in specific time slots and comply with CDC guidelines. Central Court procedures previously adopted by this Court are suspended to the extent they are contrary to the emergency scheduling procedures adopted by Court Administration. Notice of the specific time slot and

1 date of any respective proceeding shall be provided by the Magisterial District
2 Judge to all parties prior to the scheduled proceeding.

3 Scheduling for all Central Court proceedings which were continued
4 pursuant to Supervisory Order No. 2020-SO-31 entered April 3, 2020 shall
5 remain as rescheduled by that Order, with Court Administration ensuring the
6 establishment of staggered time slots and Magisterial District Court offices
7 sending notice as described in the preceding paragraph.

8 **7. June 6, 2020 Criminal Trial Term.** The June 6, 2020 Criminal Trial
9 Term is cancelled.

10 **8. Criminal Contempt Proceedings.** All contempt proceedings scheduled
11 for May 14, 2020 and May 28, 2020 are cancelled. All pending petitions for
12 contempt for nonpayment of fees, fines, costs, restitution, or any other fees in a
13 criminal matter are vacated. The outstanding balance for those subject to a
14 pending contempt petition is reduced to zero in each case respectively without
15 remittance of any outstanding fees, fines, costs, restitution, or any other fees.
16 All payments due pursuant to a criminal court order are stayed through May 26,
17 2020 at which time payment shall recommence pursuant to the applicable
18 payment agreement and/or court order.

19 For any person listed for contempt sentencing, the Adams County Clerk
20 of Courts/Clerk of Orphans' Court Office is directed to reduce to zero any
21 outstanding balance due subsequent to the finding of contempt without
22 remittance of any outstanding fees, fines, costs, restitution, or any other fees.
23 Any payment due between the date of this Order and May 26, 2020 is stayed.
24 Commencing on May 26, 2020, any person who has previously been found in
25 contempt or acknowledged contempt shall recommence payments pursuant to
their payment agreement in order to purge themselves of contempt. Failure to
do so may result in the Clerk of Courts/Clerk of Orphans' Court Office promptly
listing the matter for sentencing.

9. Dependency Court. Dependency Court scheduled for May 7, 2020 is
rescheduled to May 8, 2020 commencing at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom No. 1 of the
Adams County Courthouse. Dependency Court scheduled for May 21, 2020 is
rescheduled to May 22, 2020 commencing at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom No. 1 of

1 the Adams County Courthouse. The Court Administrator's Office is directed to
2 coordinate with Adams County Children and Youth Services to arrange for the
3 parties to appear for hearings, when possible, telephonically or by video
4 conferencing. For purposes of conducting video proceedings, proceedings may
5 be held in Courtroom No. 4 of the Adams County Courthouse.

6 **10. Protection From Abuse/Protection of Victims of Sexual Violence or**
7 **Intimidation Petitions.** Effective May 11, 2020, all petitions for emergency
8 temporary orders filed under the Protection From Abuse/Protection of Victims of
9 Sexual Violence or Intimidation Acts may be filed at the Adams County
10 Courthouse between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through
11 Friday. Emergency petitions filed at all other times shall be filed by contacting
12 the on-call Magisterial District Judge for emergency orders. Petitions filed at the
13 Adams County Courthouse prior to 2:30 p.m. will be heard on that same
14 business day in Courtroom No. 1 of the Adams County Courthouse. Petitions
15 filed with the on-call Magisterial District Judge for which an emergency order is
16 granted shall be heard at 1:00 p.m. on the business day following the grant of
17 the temporary emergency order.

18 Effective May 6, 2020, final hearings on protection from abuse petitions
19 and protection from victims of sexual violence or intimidation petitions shall be
20 held on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom No. 1 of the Adams
21 County Courthouse.

22 **11. Indirect Criminal Contempt Hearings.** Any complainant alleging a
23 violation of a protection order shall contact the on-call Magisterial District Judge
24 at any time. The Magisterial District Judge shall arraign the defendant and
25 schedule an indirect criminal contempt hearing with the Adams County Court of
Common Pleas for court hearing before the Court of Common Pleas on the
furthest Wednesday from the date of preliminary arraignment which is not more
than ten (10) days from the preliminary arraignment. All such hearings shall be
scheduled at 1:15 p.m. in Courtroom No. 1 of the Adams County Courthouse.
This paragraph is effective immediately.

**12. Juvenile Emergency Proceedings/Delinquency and Dependency
Emergency Hearings, and Due Process Hearings** shall be conducted within

1 the time periods required by law and local practice. Effectively immediately,
2 such hearings shall be held in Courtroom No. 1 of the Adams County
3 Courthouse at 8:30 a.m. on Monday and Thursday of each week.

4 **13. Clerk of Courts/Clerk of Orphans' Court Office.** Effective May 4, 2020,
5 the Adams County Clerk of Courts/Clerk of Orphans' Court Office shall be open
6 to accept court filings between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday
7 through Friday unless otherwise closed due to holiday or court order. In regard
8 to the acceptance of court filings, the Clerk of Courts/Clerk of Orphans' Court
9 Office is authorized to adopt protocol/procedures for the filing of documents as
10 may be necessary for the safety of staff and in compliance with CDC guidelines
11 provided the protocol/procedures do not preclude public access to court filings or
12 interfere with the timely processing of court documents. A copy of any such
13 protocol/procedures shall be forwarded to Court Administration and the
14 President Judge. The procedures shall also be public posted in the Clerk of
15 Courts/Clerk of Orphans' Court Office and on the Adams County website. In
16 adopting protocol/procedures, the Clerk of Courts/Clerk of Orphans' Court Office
17 should strive to restrict potential COVID-19 exposure which could result from
18 Court and County Agency staff interaction with the public with full consideration
19 to the necessary adjudication of constitutional functions utilizing advance
20 communication technology whenever possible.

21 **14. Prothonotary's Office.** Effective May 11, 2020, the Adams County
22 Prothonotary's Office shall be open to accept court filings between the hours of
23 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday unless otherwise closed due
24 to holiday or court order. In regard to the acceptance of court filings, the
25 Prothonotary's Office is authorized to adopt protocol/procedures for the filing of
documents necessary for the safety of staff and in compliance with CDC
guidelines provided the protocol/procedures do not preclude public access to
court filings or interfere with the timely processing of court documents. A copy of
any such protocol/procedures shall be forwarded to Court Administration and the
President Judge. The procedures shall also be public posted in the
Prothonotary's Office and on the Adams County website.

1 Effective May 11, 2020, the FullCourt system shall be accessible to the
2 public in the lobby of the Prothonotary's Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m.
3 through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Prothonotary's Office is
4 authorized to adopt procedure concerning such access including requiring
5 access by appointment. A copy of any such procedure shall be forwarded to
6 Court Administration, the President Judge, and shall be posted in the
7 Prothonotary's Office and on the Adams County website. In adopting
8 protocol/procedures, the Prothonotary's Office should strive to restrict potential
9 COVID-19 exposure which could result from Court and County Agency staff
10 interaction with the public with full consideration to the necessary adjudication of
11 constitutional functions utilizing advance communication technology whenever
12 possible.

13 **15. Register and Recorder of Deeds Office.** Effective May 11, 2020, the
14 Register and Recorder of Deeds Office shall be open to accept court filings
15 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday unless
16 otherwise closed due to holiday or court order. In regard to the acceptance of
17 court filings, the Register and Recorder of Deeds Office is authorized to adopt
18 protocol/procedures for the filing of documents necessary for the safety of staff
19 and in compliance with CDC guidelines provided the protocol/procedures do not
20 preclude public access to court filings or interfere with the timely processing of
21 court documents. A copy of any such protocol/procedures shall be forwarded to
22 Court Administration and the President Judge. The procedures shall also be
23 public posted in the Register and Recorder of Deeds Office and on the Adams
24 County website. In adopting protocol/procedures, the Register and Recorder of
25 Deeds Office should strive to restrict potential COVID-19 exposure which could
result from Court and County Agency staff interaction with the public with full
consideration to the necessary adjudication of constitutional functions utilizing
advance communication technology whenever possible.

16. Domestic Relations. Effective May 18, 2020, the Domestic Relations
Office shall be open to accept court filings between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and
4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday unless otherwise closed due to holiday or
court order. In regard to the acceptance of court filings, the Domestic Relations

1 Office is authorized, subject to the approval of the Domestic Relations
2 Administrative Judge, to adopt protocol/procedures for the filing of documents
3 necessary for the safety of staff and in compliance with CDC guidelines provided
4 the protocol/procedures do not preclude public access to court filings or
5 interference with the timely processing of court documents. A copy of any such
6 protocol/procedures shall be forwarded to Court Administration and the
7 President Judge. The procedures shall also be public posted in the Domestic
8 Relations Office and on the Adams County website. In adopting
9 protocol/procedures, the Domestic Relations Office should strive to restrict
10 potential COVID-19 exposure which could result from Court and County Agency
11 staff interaction with the public with full consideration to the necessary
12 adjudication of constitutional functions utilizing advance communication
13 technology whenever possible.

14 **17. Miscellaneous Court.** All Miscellaneous Court proceedings scheduled
15 for May 8, 2020 are continued to June 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in Courtroom No. 4
16 of the Adams County Courthouse.

17 **18. Magisterial District Court.** Effective May 26, 2020, all Magisterial
18 District Courts within the Fifty-First Judicial District shall be open for public
19 business. On that date, Magisterial District Courts shall resume full operation in
20 furtherance of their constitutional duties and in compliance with procedural rules
21 adopted by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The Court Administrator's Office
22 is directed to coordinate with each respective Magisterial District Court to adopt
23 procedures for conducting business in compliance with CDC guidelines in
24 conjunction with the specific needs of their operational and physical
25 circumstances. All such procedures shall be approved by the President Judge.

19. Divorce Master Hearings. All divorce master hearings are continued to
a date beyond May 26, 2020. The master in each respective case is directed to
coordinate with the parties and Court Administration to reschedule the
proceedings.

20. Custody Conciliation Hearings. All custody conciliation hearings which
can be conducted by telephone may commence May 4, 2020. Any custody
conciliation which requires personal appearance is continued to a date beyond

1 May 26, 2020. The Judge assigned to preside over custody proceedings shall
2 make arrangements with the parties/counsel to reschedule the proceedings until
3 a date subsequent to May 26, 2020.

4 **21. Bench Warrants.** The service of any miscellaneous docket (MD)
5 captioned warrant is suspended through May 26, 2020. The Sheriff's
6 Department, all law enforcement agencies, and constables are prohibited from
7 serving MD warrants during the time period set forth herein. The Adams County
8 Court Administrator's Office shall provide a copy of this Order to County Control
9 who shall not validate as active any MD warrant during the period of time this
10 Order applies.

11 This paragraph shall not apply to any warrant for an indirect criminal
12 contempt related to a protection from abuse order or protection of victims of
13 sexual violence or intimidation order as such warrants shall remain valid
14 provided however the prohibition related to the service of court orders by
15 constables remains in full force and effect. The Adams County Court
16 Administrator's Office shall provide a copy of this Order to County Control who
17 shall validate as active any MD warrant related to indirect criminal contempt
18 proceedings arising from a protection from abuse order or protection of victims
19 of sexual violence or intimidation order.

20 **22. Arbitration Hearings.** All arbitration proceedings scheduled prior to May
21 26, 2020 are cancelled. The Court Administrator's Office is directed to promptly
22 reschedule such hearings to a date subsequent to May 26, 2020.

23 **23. Sheriff's Sale.** The Sheriff's sale scheduled for May 15, 2020 is
24 rescheduled to June 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Multi-Conference Room at the
25 Adams County Human Services Building.

24. Evictions/Displacement of Property. All orders directing possession or
eviction from any property entered by the Court of Common Pleas or a
Magisterial District Judge are suspended through and including May 26, 2020.
No officer, official, or other person employed by the Pennsylvania Judiciary at
any level or serving any court order shall effectuate an eviction, ejection, or
other displacement from a residence. Nothing herein is intended to preclude
requests for orders of possession resulting from judgments previously entered in

1 landlord/tenant actions which have been filed by mail, however, any execution
2 on an order of possession is stayed until further Order of Court. Any person who
3 violates the provisions of this Order are subject to contempt proceedings.

4 **25. Service of Court Documents.** Effective May 11, 2020, the Adams
5 County Sheriff's Office shall commence service of civil process pursuant to the
6 Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure.

7 **26. Reinstatement of Original Process.** Any writ or complaint properly filed
8 with the Adams County Prothonotary's Office between February 16, 2020 and
9 May 11, 2020 shall automatically reissue/reinstate effective May 11, 2020
10 without further action by the parties. On May 11, 2020, the time period for
11 service of original process pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Civil Procedure 401
12 shall commence for all such pleadings.

13 **27. DNA Fingerprinting.** Any person directed by court order to report to the
14 Adams County Prison for purposes of fingerprinting is granted until June 5, 2020
15 within which to report unless otherwise ordered to a later date. No person shall
16 report for DNA fingerprinting at the Adams County Prison prior to May 26, 2020.

17 **28. Probation Services.** The Adams County Department of Probation
18 Services shall continue to provide community supervision pursuant to
19 procedures adopted by the executive director with the approval of the Court.
20 On-call emergency services are not impacted by this Order and shall remain
21 operational pursuant to current practice.

22 **29. Adams County Children and Youth Services.** The provisions of any
23 disposition or permanency order entered in these matters requiring drug testing
24 of any child or party are suspended through May 22, 2020 at which time such
25 conditions shall automatically reinstate. This paragraph does not prohibit or
restrict Adams County Children and Youth Services from conducting
drug/alcohol testing during investigation or supervision where the well-being of a
child is at risk.

All visitation directed by order and/or Pennsylvania Code Sections
3130.68 and 3490.235 between an adjudicated youth in placement and a parent,
guardian, sibling, or prospective placement resource; guardian ad litem; and
Adams County Children and Youth Services staff shall be done by methods of

1 telecommunicating. Telecommunicating shall include video conference,
2 telephone calls, and any other means of video or audio communication to
3 effectuate meaningful and effective visitation and/or contact. Whenever viable,
4 Children and Youth Services is directed to provide more frequent telephone
5 contact than required by any applicable order or statute.

6 Adams County Children and Youth Services is directed to give notice of
7 this Order to all parties.

8 **30. Re-Entry Facility.** All community releases for employment, visitation,
9 community visits, treatment, or any other reason are suspended until further
10 Order of Court. Pending further Order of Court, the Adams County Work
11 Release Program is suspended. No person shall be sentenced to any sentence
12 which permits community release from the Adams County Adult Correctional
13 Complex or the Adams County Re-Entry Facility until further Order of Court.
14 This paragraph shall not prohibit release on parole or upon successful
15 completion of the incarcerated portion of a sentence nor shall it prohibit the
16 Adams County Warden from taking temporary action to preserve the health and
17 welfare of an inmate or the safety of the facility.

18 The Adams County Adult Correctional Complex is directed to adopt
19 procedures for family non-contact visits with residents of the Re-Entry Facility to
20 occur by telephone, video conferencing, or other media.

21 All fees charged to any person housed at the Adams County Re-Entry
22 Facility are suspended pending further Order of Court.

23 **31. Constables.** The service of warrants by constables is suspended
24 through May 26, 2020. Specifically, constables are prohibited from serving court
25 issued warrants including, among others, bench warrants for failure to appear at
Domestic Relations proceedings, criminal contempt proceedings, or Magisterial
District Judge warrants with exception of failure to respond warrants that do not
require detention which may continue to be served by constables.

The on-call constable schedule is suspended through May 26, 2020.

32. Adams County Law Library. The Adams County Law Library is closed
through May 26, 2020.

1 **33. Prison Transports.** No person shall be transported from the Adams
2 County Adult Correctional Complex by the Adams County Sheriff's Department
3 or any other entity for any court proceedings.

4 No person shall be transported by the Adams County Sheriff's
5 Department from another correctional institution on a detainer placed by the
6 Adams County Department of Probation Services prior to a video conference
7 hearing. Upon receipt of notice from any out-of-county correctional institution
8 that a person is available for transport to this county, the Sheriff's Department
9 shall promptly alert Court Administration of the same. Thereafter, Court
10 Administration shall make arrangements for a hearing to be conducted by video
11 conferencing with the host facility. Notice shall be provided to the Adams
12 County District Attorney's Office, the Adams County Public Defender's Office,
13 the Department of Probation Services, and the Adams County Prison Warden.
14 All such video conference hearings shall be scheduled on the first bench warrant
15 day proceedings following notice from the Sheriff's Department. Although the
16 Warden is not a party to the proceedings, she may provide written comments to
17 the Court, with notice to all parties, prior to commencement of the hearing. If
18 Court Administration is unable to arrange video conferencing, all counsel are
19 directed to appear at the designated time for a conference in lieu thereof. The
20 appearance rules identified in previous court orders shall control.

21 **34. Time Limitations.** Time limitations for the initiation of any action or filing
22 of any pleading or document applicable by statute, rule of court, or court order
23 for all filings at the Adams County Clerk of Courts/Clerk of Orphans' Court Office
24 are extended until May 4, 2020. Time limitations for the initiation of any action or
25 filing of any pleading or document applicable by statute, rule of court, or court
order for all filings at the Adams County Prothonotary's Office are extended until
May 11, 2020. Time limitations for the initiation of any action or filing of any
pleading or document applicable by statute, rule of court, or court order for all
filings at the Adams County Domestic Relations Office are extended through
May 18, 2020. Any legal papers or pleadings which are required to be filed prior
to the respective dates set forth hereinabove shall be deemed to have been
timely filed if they are filed with the respective office on the dates designated

1 above. The stay authorized by this paragraph, however, does not toll any
2 applicable statute of limitations or any time period related to Children's Fast
3 Track appeals. Any action required to be timely filed by the applicable statute of
4 limitations or Children's Fast Track appeals shall be treated as an emergency
5 filing pursuant to the provisions of prior Supervisory Orders.

6 **35. Judicial Authority.** The presiding Judge in any action pending before
7 the Court shall have authority to modify scheduling as set forth hereinabove as
8 the interests of justice require.

9 The Adams County Court Administrator's Office is directed to post a copy
10 of this Order on the main entry door of the Adams County Courthouse and all
11 Magisterial District Courts within the Fifty-First Judicial District. Court
12 Administration is further directed to post a copy of this Order on the Fifty-First
13 Judicial District's website and on the Adams County website. A copy of this
14 Order shall be transmitted by Court Administration to all members of the Adams
15 County Bar Association.

16 This Order is effective immediately.

17 BY THE COURT:

18 **MICHAEL A. GEORGE**
19 **President Judge**

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