

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

2020 EX - 000518



FOURTH AMENDED MAGISTRATE COURT JUDICIAL EMERGENCY GUIDELINE

On March 14, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Brian Kemp issued an Executive Order declaring a Public Health State of Emergency. The Order was renewed on April 8, 2020, and again on April 30, 2020. The Public Health State of Emergency will expire Friday, June 12, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., unless renewed.

Likewise, the Honorable Harold D. Melton, as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, issued an Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61. Due to the continuing statewide emergency, on April 6, 2020, the Order was extended until May 13, 2020. In his latest Order, attached, the Chief Justice extended the Declaration until Friday, June 12, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.

The Magistrate Court of Fulton County will continue to provide electronic interface for applications for search and arrest warrants 24/7/365 as well as First Appearance hearings six days a week. Criminal court hearings will be conducted through video conferencing systems, to which the public will have access daily, through a public viewing room available in a designated courtroom. Hearing schedules are available on our website at <https://ga-fultoncountymagistratecourt.civicplus.com/222/Calendar-Assignment-by-Judge>.

The new Order dated May 11, 2020, encourages the courts to utilize teleconferencing and videoconferencing to “conduct non-essential proceedings to limit the backlog of such matters when the judicial emergency is terminated.” The Order instructs each court to “develop comprehensive, written guidelines as to how in-court proceedings generally and particular types of proceedings will be conducted to protect the health of litigants, lawyers, judges, court personnel, and the public.”

WHEREFORE, the Court hereby establishes the following guidelines for use during the duration of the Judicial State of Emergency and Public Health State of Emergency:

General Rules for Magistrate Court Business

Pursuant to the Judicial State of Emergency and Public Health State of Emergency, the Court will utilize the following procedures to protect court personnel, litigants, and the public:

- The County Building Management team will sanitize the Courthouse, the courtrooms, and the all associated court spaces on June 6 and 7, 2020.
- The County Building team will install plexiglass barriers and/or other protective measures in the courthouse, following CDC and Fulton Public Health recommended guidelines.
- Following sanitizing, County-designated personnel will take the temperature of each person who enters the judicial center prior to entry into the judicial center.
- Those who are sick or exhibiting symptoms, including a temperature, are encouraged to stay home. Parties in this category must contact the Court by email at magistrate.jarequests@fultoncountyga.gov or through electronic filing so that their matter may be properly documented.

- Anyone entering the judicial center shall cover his or her mouth and nose with a mask, scarf or bandana in a manner suggested by the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health.
- Visitors to the Courthouse will observe social distancing in all Magistrate Court courtrooms, lobby spaces and Clerk's Office. At all times, visitors shall maintain at least 6 feet between themselves and any other visitor.
- Self-represented litigants and attorneys are strongly encouraged to file petitions, motions, etc. through e-filing or by mail.
- Except for court appearances, visitors to the Magistrate Court should not bring anyone else with them unless he or she needs physical assistance or an interpreter.
- The Court strongly encourages payment by money orders or credit/debit cards, which carry a processing fee. The Court will continue to accept checks in limited circumstances.
- Magistrates will not perform weddings in the courthouse during the Public Health State of Emergency.
- Parties are encouraged to arrive on time for their court hearings, factoring in the time for temperature screening and social distancing at the entrance lines.

Resolution of Non-Essential Magistrate Cases

Effective March 14, 2020, the Court suspended all non-essential Magistrate matters. The Court will resume resolution of non-essential matters on or about June 22, 2020, subject to the following guidelines:

- The County installs plexiglass barriers and/or other protective measures in the courthouse, following CDC and Fulton Public Health recommended guidelines.
- The County provides adequate staffing and technology to realize accessibility of video conferencing technology in all Magistrate courtrooms.
- All non-criminal hearings and trials will be conducted by video conferencing, utilizing Zoom or a similar program whenever possible.
- When videoconferencing is not logistically possible, the Court will conduct in-person hearings subject to strict social distancing guidelines. **No in-person civil matters will be heard prior to June 22, 2020.**
- The Court will resume calendars gradually, staggering calendars in an effort to adhere to social distancing.
 - As of March 14, 2020 when the Court suspended all hearings, the Court had 2,535 cases scheduled to be heard. During the period of the Judicial Emergency, that number has risen to 4,261.
- The Court will schedule hearings and trials in the order in which they were filed, beginning with rescheduling matters scheduled before the Statewide Judicial Emergency. Those calendars will begin **June 22, 2020** with the following cases receiving priority:
 1. Landlord-tenant actions (Mediation)
 2. Garnishment actions

- In order to manage the court's dockets, the Court created three categories for scheduling:
 - A. Cases scheduled before the Judicial Emergency began. The deadlines for responsive pleadings have passed and cases are ripe for adjudication. These cases are given priority and will be scheduled in the order filed.
 - B. Cases filed between March 14, 2020 and March 27, 2020. These cases will be scheduled following case resumption, subject to the Amended Order of Business; and
 - C. Cases filed March 28, 2020 and thereafter. These cases will be scheduled following case resumption, subject to the Amended Order of Business.

- The Marshal of Fulton County will begin civil service of process on **May 26, 2020**, without affecting, diminishing or altering statutory responsive time limits. The service date of all items served during the Judicial Emergency for computation of return pleadings will be June 13, 2020, pursuant to the Chief Justice's current Statewide Judicial Emergency Declaration.

- By agreement of the Marshal of Fulton County and the Chief Magistrate Judge, writ service will begin within 45 days of the issuance of this Order, on **July 6, 2020**.

- As the Chief Justice's Order tolls, suspends and grants relief from statutory time limits in other matters **as of its issuance on May 11, 2020**, the Magistrate Court continues to suspend all hearings and services listed below:
 - landlord-tenant (evictions)
 - abandoned motor vehicles
 - warrant applications
 - copy of charges
 - personal property foreclosures, trover
 - small claims
 - child abandonment
 - environmental
 - garnishment
 - post-judgment hearings

The above calendars will be scheduled, pursuant to an Amended Order of Business, starting July 6, 2020.

- Any in-person trials or hearings shall be subject to the following guidelines:
 1. Parties may conduct in person hearings via Zoom, with the consent of all parties. The Court is seeking additional technology to make the Zoom process accessible in all courtrooms.
 2. Everyone in the courtroom will wear a mask, scarf or bandana over his or her mouth and nose in a manner suggested by the CDC and Georgia Department of Public health.
 3. Parties, attorneys, witnesses, court personnel, and observers will be required to comply with social distancing requirements by keeping at least 6 feet apart.
 4. Disposable gloves will be worn when handling evidence.

Guidance on Landlord-Tenant matters.

As of the Declaration of the Statewide Judicial Emergency on March 14, 2020, 352 landlord-tenant cases were scheduled, but not able to be heard. The Court requires that Plaintiffs (Landlords) in these cases review their matter and make an affirmative response to the Court by June 5, 2020 that:

1. The issue had been resolved and the Landlord requests the case be dismissed. In these cases, the tenant may have paid the outstanding rent or the parties arrived at another favorable resolution;
2. The tenant moved and was served personally or notoriously; or
3. The tenant moved and was served by tack and mail.

These cases will be scheduled for mediation the week of June 22, 2020 in courtrooms 1A and 1B, 185 Central Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303. The Star-C APARTMENT Eviction Relief Fund will be on site at the Courthouse, outside courtrooms 1A and 1B to assist Landlords and Tenants during the week of mediation. If these cases are not resolved through mediation, these cases will be scheduled for hearings the week of June 29, 2020 in multiple courtrooms throughout 185 Central Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303 and 160 Pryor Street, Atlanta, GA 30303.

As of the writing of this Guidance, the Court has 919 landlord-tenant cases filed between the dates of March 14, 2020 and March 27, 2020. Responsive pleadings in these cases are due 7 days after the expiration of the Statewide Judicial Emergency. The Court requires that Plaintiffs (Landlords) in these cases review their matter and make an affirmative response to the Court by June 12, 2020 identifying where their matter should be scheduled, specifically that:

1. The issue had been resolved and the Landlord requests the case be dismissed. In these cases, the tenant may have paid the outstanding rent or the parties arrived at another favorable resolution;
2. The tenant moved and was served personally or notoriously; or
3. The tenant moved and was served by tack and mail.

These cases will be scheduled for mediation and hearings following July 6, 2020 in multiple courtrooms throughout 185 Central Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303 and 160 Pryor Street, Atlanta, GA 30303.

As of the writing of this Guidance, 588 landlord-tenant cases were filed after March 28, 2020. Responsive pleadings in these cases are due 7 days after the expiration of the Statewide Judicial Emergency. **The Court requires that Plaintiffs (Landlords/Property owners) in this category must file the Federal CARES Act Affidavit, pursuant to Magistrate Rule 46.** Further, the Court requests the Plaintiff review their matter to make an affirmative response to the Court by June 19, 2020 where their matter should be scheduled, specifically that:

1. The issue had been resolved and the Landlord requests the case be dismissed. In these cases, the tenant may have paid the outstanding rent or the parties arrived at another favorable resolution;
2. The tenant moved and was served personally or notoriously; or
3. The tenant moved and was served by tack and mail.

These cases will be scheduled for mediation and hearing, pursuant to an Amended Order of Business, starting July 6, 2020 in multiple courtrooms throughout 185 Central Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303 and 160 Pryor Street, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Guidance on Garnishment Actions

As of the Declaration of the Statewide Judicial Emergency on March 14, 2020, 24 garnishment cases were scheduled, but not able to be heard. The Court will hear these cases June 23 and 24, 2020.

In further reviewing actions occurring during the Judicial Emergency, the Court understands that the Clerk's office may have released up to 800 garnishments during the Judicial State of Emergency. These actions were stayed due to the tolling provisions of the Chief Justice's Order. In each of these actions, the Court will review and issue Orders to Vacate and reinstate the statutory deadlines on impacted cases as required by Chief Justice Melton's Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency.

Guidance on Case Disbursements

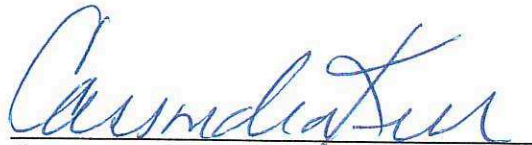
In the Magistrate Court, certain cases, such as Garnishment actions, Abandoned Motor Vehicles (pre-September 1, 2019 statute), and Landlord-Tenant matters require disbursements following certain periods. Absent the Statewide Judicial Emergency, the time limits on these cases would have run without infringing on the rights of either party, making these cases appropriate for distribution. Beginning May 21, 2020, in each individual case, pursuant to Section 6 of Chief Justice Melton's Order, the Court will re-impose deadlines set by statute and distribute monies. These disbursements do not alter, modify or limit the tolling of statutory guidelines in other cases.

Guidance on Court Stays and Case-Closing Documents

During the Judicial Emergency, parties have filed certain documents, which result in the closure, stay or modification of venue of the case. Those documents include Consent Judgments, Bankruptcy stays, Orders to transfer and Dismissals. Beginning May 21, 2020, in these instances, in each individual case, pursuant to Section 6 of Chief Justice Melton's Order, the Court will re-impose deadlines set by statute and file appropriate Orders.

The Magistrate Court Limited Order of Business During the Judicial Emergency follows and is incorporated in this Guidance.

So ORDERED this 21 day of May, 2020.


Cassandra Kirk, Chief Magistrate Judge
Magistrate Court of Fulton County



**LIMITED ORDER OF BUSINESS DURING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY
FOR THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
June 22- July 3, 2020**

Georgia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harold Melton declared and extended a Statewide Judicial Emergency from March 14, 2020 through May 13, 2020 and then again through June 12, 2020. The Magistrate Court of Fulton County will transition to operations in phases, pursuant to the Section 6 of the Chief Justice's Order for the resumption of cases during the Statewide Judicial Emergency. Hearings will be assigned and scheduled as set forth below in the following locations: Justice Center Complex, including courtrooms in the Justice Center Tower (JCT) at 185 Central Avenue and the Charles Carnes Building (JCB) at 160 Pryor Street. Zoom conference capability will be offered to participants, subject to technology availability. **All parties entering the courtrooms are encouraged to WEAR MASKS and maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet. The Sheriff and Marshal may assist in the enforcement of social distancing.**

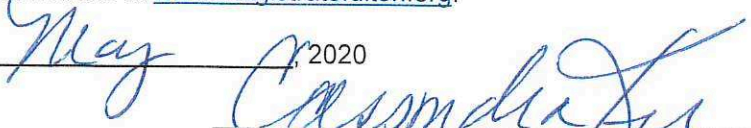
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HEARING TYPE	DAY OF THE WEEK	TIME OF HEARING	COURTROOM
Landlord-Tenant (Dispossessory) <u>Week of 6/22/20</u> Mediation - 10 cases max	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (calendars on each day)	9:00 am 1:00 pm	1A,1B
Garnishment <u>Week of 6/22/20</u> 6 cases Max	Tuesday, Wednesday	9:00 am 1:00 pm	2C 2C
Landlord-Tenant (Dispossessory) All calendars begin with a mediation option. <u>Weeks 6/29/20-07/3/20</u> 1A and 1B - 10 cases max 2C and 2N - 5 cases max JOP - 15 cases max	Monday, Wednesday, Friday <i>Pro Se (Self-represented litigants) Only</i> Tuesday, Thursday Attorney Cases (those with an attorney representing either party) Cases scheduled into courtrooms by Attorney Name	9:00 a.m. – Pro Se 1:00 p.m. – Pro Se 9:00 pm – Pro Se JOP 11:00 am – Pro Se JOP 1:00 pm – Pro Se JOP 9:00 a.m. – Attorney 1:00 p.m. – Attorney 9:00 pm – Pro Se JOP 11:00 am – Pro Se JOP 1:00 pm – Pro Se JOP	1A,1B, 2C, 2N 1A,1B, 2C, 2N G40 G40 G40 1A,1B, 2C, 2N 1A,1B, 2C, 2N G40 G40 G40

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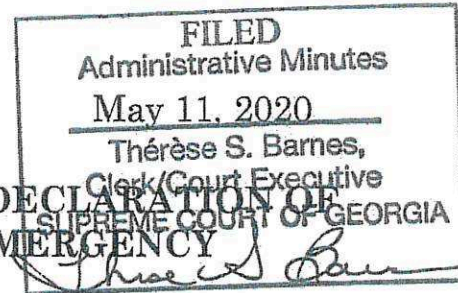
HEARING TYPE	DAY OF THE WEEK	TIME OF HEARING	COURTROOM
First Appearance	Monday thru Saturday	10:00 am (misdemeanor) 1:00 pm (felony)	Virtual (Jail) Viewing 2M
Misdemeanor Mental Health Court	Thursday Friday	10:30 am 9:30 am	Virtual (Jail) Virtual (Viewing TBA)
Electronic Warrant Interface	Monday thru Sunday	6:00 pm – 6:00 am 6:00 am -- 6:00 pm	EWI

This Order of Business is subject to modification as may be announced. A copy of the within and foregoing Order of Business shall be published on the court website at www.magistratefulton.org.

SO ORDERED this 21 day of May, 2020

 CHIEF MAGISTRATE JUDGE CASSANDRA KIRK



SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA



SECOND ORDER EXTENDING DECLARATION OF STATEWIDE JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

On March 14, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Honorable Harold D. Melton, as the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, issued an Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-61. Due to the continuing statewide emergency, on April 6, 2020, the Order was extended until May 13, 2020. While the work of the courts in Georgia has gone forward on essential and critical matters, and most courts have continued some non-essential court operations, in particular by using technology to conduct proceedings remotely, most court facilities are not prepared to comply with social distancing and other public health requirements to safeguard the health of litigants, lawyers, judges, court personnel, and the public during extensive in-court proceedings or proceedings involving a large number of people. After consulting with the Judicial Council of Georgia and other judicial partners, and recognizing that most in-court proceedings compel the attendance of various individuals rather than allowing them to decide how best to protect their own health, it is hereby determined that the statewide judicial emergency Order should be extended, with some clarifications and modifications as well as directions regarding efforts to resume court operations in a manner that protects public health.

Accordingly, the Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency, which would have expired on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., is further extended until Friday, June 12, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. All Georgia courts shall continue to operate under the restrictions set forth in that Order as extended, with the following clarifications, modifications, and directions. Where this order refers to “public health guidance,” courts should consider the most specific current guidance provided by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH), and their local health departments.

1. Guidance on Application of the Order

Included in the Appendix to this Order are several guidance documents that clarify the application of the Order in particular contexts: tolling of filing deadlines; tolling of statutes of limitations; deadlines and time limits defined by reference to terms of court; and the continued authority of grand juries impaneled prior to the issuance of the Order. Additional guidance documents may be posted on the AOC's website at <https://georgiacourts.gov/judicial-council/aoc/>. It should be noted, however, that as discussed in Section 6 below, judges are being granted authority on a case-specific basis to reimpose certain deadlines that would otherwise be tolled by the Order or establish new deadlines or schedules.

2. Prohibition on Jury Trial Proceedings and Most Grand Jury Proceedings

Current public health guidance recommends social distancing and other measures that make it impracticable for courts to protect the health of the large groups of people who are normally assembled for jury proceedings, including jury selection. Accordingly, until further order, all courts are prohibited from summoning new trial jurors and grand jurors and from conducting criminal or civil jury trials.

Grand juries that are already impaneled or are recalled from a previous term of court may meet to attend to time-sensitive essential matters, but these grand juries should not be assembled except when necessary and only under circumstances in which social distancing and other public health guidance can be followed.

As discussed below, efforts are being pursued to allow the safe resumption of jury trials. The clerks and court administrators of trial courts that conduct jury trials and convene grand juries will be provided sufficient notice of the resumption of jury proceedings to allow the complicated process of summoning potential jurors to be completed. Information about this issue will be provided to trial court clerks and court administrators.

3. Proceedings Conducted Remotely Using Technology

All courts should continue to use and increase the use of technology to conduct remote judicial proceedings as a preferred alternative to in-person proceedings, both to ensure that essential court functions are continued and to conduct non-essential proceedings to limit the backlog of such matters when the judicial emergency is terminated. Courts should understand and utilize the authority provided by the emergency amendments made to court rules on videoconferences and teleconferences.

Courts may compel the participation of litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other essential personnel in remote judicial proceedings, including civil non-jury trials and other non-jury adjudicative proceedings, where allowed by court rules (including emergency amendments thereto). Such proceedings, however, must be consistent with public health guidance, must not impose undue burdens on participants, and must not be prohibited by the requirements of the United States or Georgia constitutions or applicable statutes or court rules.

In civil, criminal, and juvenile proceedings, parties may expressly consent in the record to remote proceedings not otherwise authorized and affirmatively waive otherwise applicable legal requirements. Courts must ensure the public's right of access to judicial proceedings and, unless affirmatively waived in the record, a criminal defendant's rights to confrontation and open courtrooms.

4. In-Court Proceedings: Development of Guidelines

Except for jury and grand jury proceedings as discussed in Section 2 above, courts have discretion to conduct essential and non-essential in-person judicial proceedings, but only in compliance with public health guidance and with the requirements of the United States and Georgia constitutions and applicable statutes and court rules, including the public's right of access to judicial proceedings and a criminal defendant's rights to confrontation and open courtrooms.

Before conducting extensive in-person proceedings, particularly in non-essential matters, each court should develop written guidelines as to how in-court proceedings generally and particular types of proceedings will be conducted to protect the health of litigants, lawyers, judges, court personnel, and the public. Guidelines should specify who should be admitted to the courthouse and courtroom and how public health guidance will be followed regarding such matters as health screening of court personnel and visitors, social distancing (including by capping the occupancy of courthouses, interior areas, and courtrooms based on their size), availability and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) by court personnel and visitors, and sanitization practices. Guidelines should provide for accommodations for high-risk individuals. Courts should consider the use of staggered, smaller proceedings to conduct proceedings involving many cases or participants, such as calendar calls and arraignments. Guidelines should be prominently posted at courthouse entrances and on court and government websites to provide advance notice to litigants, lawyers, and the public.

Support for the development of guidelines will be provided by the Judicial COVID-19 Task Force discussed in Section 7 below, as well as by the councils for each class of court. Courts of different classes that share courthouse facilities or operate in the same county should seek to coordinate their guidelines.

5. Discretion of Chief Judges to Declare More Restrictive Local Judicial Emergencies

Nothing in the Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency as extended and modified limits the authority of the Chief Judge of a superior court judicial circuit under OCGA §§ 38-3-61 and 38-3-62 to add to the restrictions imposed by the statewide judicial emergency, if such additional restrictions are constitutional, necessitated by local conditions, and to the extent possible ensure that courthouses or properly designated alternative facilities remain accessible to carry out essential judicial functions. However, no court may disregard the restrictions imposed by the Order as extended and modified.

6. Discretion of Judges to Reimpose Deadlines in Specific Cases

After the date of this order, and with the exception of deadlines regarding jury trials and grand juries, judges are granted the following authority to reimpose deadlines set by statutes, rules, regulations, and court orders that have been suspended, tolled, or extended by the Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency as extended and modified and to establish new deadlines and schedules. In pending or newly filed cases, a judge may reimpose or establish such deadlines on a case-by-case basis after considering the particular circumstances of the case, including any public health concerns and known individual health, economic, and other concerns regarding the litigants, lawyers, witnesses, and other persons who may be involved in the case. The judge must enter a written order in the record for the case identifying the deadlines that are being reimposed or established. Standing orders applicable to multiple cases and orders simply reimposing previous scheduling orders are not permitted. The judge should allow any party or other participant in a case to seek reconsideration of such an order for good cause shown.

Judges should in particular consider reimposing deadlines that do not require any or only insignificant in-person contact, such as deadlines for filing and responding to pleadings, motions, and briefs, written discovery in civil cases, scheduling of depositions that may be taken remotely or require few participants, and scheduling of hearings requiring only legal argument or few participants.

7. Judicial COVID-19 Task Force; Comments Solicited

A Judicial COVID-19 Task Force is hereby established to assist courts in conducting remote proceedings and in restoring more in-court proceedings, in particular jury trials and grand jury proceedings. The Task Force will include judges from the various classes of court and will obtain input from key stakeholders including the State Bar of Georgia, prosecutors and public defenders, civil plaintiff and defense attorneys, court clerks, sheriffs, and the public.

To assist in evaluating the effects of the Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency as extended and modified, comments are

solicited from judges, lawyers, and the general public. Comments should be delivered in Word or PDF format by email to JCTFcomments@gasupreme.us.

8. Professionalism

With regard to all matters in this challenging time, all lawyers are reminded of their obligations of professionalism. Judges are also reminded of their obligation to dispose of all judicial matters promptly and efficiently, including by insisting that court officials, litigants, and their lawyers cooperate with the court to achieve that end, although this obligation must not take precedence over the obligation to dispose of matters fairly and with patience, which requires sensitivity to health and other concerns raised by court officials, litigants and their lawyers, witnesses, and others.

9. Notice Provisions

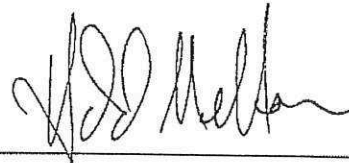
Notice will be provided as to the expected termination of the Order as extended and modified at least one week in advance to allow courts to plan for the transition to fuller operations.

The impact of COVID-19 varies across the state, and the level of response and adjustment will likewise vary among courts. Courts are strongly encouraged to make available to the public the steps they are taking to safely increase operations while responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recognizing that not all courts have a social media presence or website, the Administrative Office of the Courts will continue to post court-specific information as it becomes available on the AOC website at <https://georgiacourts.gov/covid-19-preparedness/>.

Pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-63, notice and service of a copy of this order shall immediately be sent to the judges and clerks of all courts in this State and to the clerk of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, such service to be accomplished through means to assure expeditious receipt, which include electronic means. Notice shall also be sent to the media, the State Bar of Georgia, and the officials and entities listed below and shall

constitute sufficient notice of the issuance of this order to the affected parties, counsel for the affected parties, and the public.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 11th day of May, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. D. Melton", written in a cursive style.

Chief Justice Harold D. Melton
Supreme Court of Georgia

Appendix

Guidance on Tolling of Filing Deadlines (March 27, 2020)

Guidance on Tolling of Statutes of Limitation (April 6, 2020)

Guidance on Deadlines and Time Limits Defined by Reference to Terms
of Court (May 4, 2020)

Guidance on Grand Juries (May 4, 2020)

Further Guidance on Grand Juries (May 11, 2020)

cc:

Governor Brian P. Kemp
Lt. Governor Geoff Duncan
Speaker David Ralston
State Bar of Georgia
Administrative Office of the Courts
Judicial Council of Georgia
Council of Superior Court Clerks of Georgia
Department of Juvenile Justice
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Council of Accountability Court Judges
Georgia Commission on Dispute Resolution
Institute of Continuing Judicial Education of Georgia
Georgia Council of Court Administrators
Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism
Judicial Qualifications Commission
Association County Commissioners of Georgia
Georgia Municipal Association
Georgia Sheriffs' Association
Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police
Georgia Public Defender Council
Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia
Department of Corrections
Department of Community Supervision
Georgia Court Reporters Association
Board of Court Reporting
State Board of Pardons and Paroles
Constitutional Officers Association of Georgia
Council of Magistrate Court Clerks
Council of Municipal Court Clerks

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA
Clerk's Office, Atlanta

I certify that the above is a true extract from the
minutes of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Witness my signature and the seal of said court hereto
affixed the day and year last above written.

 , Clerk