

## **COVID 19 ORDER 2020-05**

### **CIVIL DISTRICT COURT AND FIRST AND SECOND CITY COURT AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS (COVID-19)**

Acting in accordance with Louisiana Constitution Article V, Section 1; pursuant to LSA R.S. 1:55; due to the emergency as detailed by Governor John Bel Edwards' Declarations of Public Health Emergency (Executive Department Proclamations No. 25 JBE 2020, 27 JBE 2020, 30 JBE 2020, 33 JBE 2020, 41 and the Governor Edwards' extension of emergency provisions announced on April 27, 2020 President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency on March 13, 2020 the Louisiana Supreme Court's Order dated April 6, as amended on April 22, 29 and 30, 2020, and in accordance with the inherent powers of this court, the Chief Judge, acting on behalf of the Judges of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, and Chief Judge, acting on behalf of the First and Second City Courts,

#### **HEREBY ORDERS THAT:**

1.

The Civil District Court's Courthouse will remain closed to the public until 8:00 AM on Monday, May 18, 2020.

2.

All civil jury trials are suspended until July 1, 2020. The court will post a notice on its website for those jurors scheduled for jury duty in July

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3.

All civil hearings, scheduled between May 1, 2020 and May 18, 2020, may proceed by video conference via Zoom or Skype platform with the consent of the parties. The court will send out notices. Consent shall not be unreasonably

withheld by any party, which shall be enforced by the trial judge pursuant to the authority granted by the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Article 191, or as expressly provided by law. The parties by consent may request a judge trial via a Zoom or Skype platform. The court will send out notices.

4.

Litigants scheduled to appear in First City Court and Second City Court after May 1, 2020 will be contacted by the Section about their proceeding.

5.

The parties' appearing via video conference must comply with the submission deadlines set forth in Rule 9.9 of the District Court Rules.

6.

Any and all preliminary or permanent injunctions, protective orders, temporary restraining orders, ex parte protective orders, issued pursuant to R.S. 9:361 et seq., R.S. 9:372, R.S. 46:1846, R.S. 46:2131 et seq., R.S. 46:2171, R.S. 46:2171 et seq., R.S. 46:2181 et seq., R.S. 46:2151, et seq., Code of Civil Procedure Articles 3604 and/or 3607.1 which have been issued by this Court and which will expire on or between the dates of March 13, 2020 and April 30, 2020 are hereby EXTENDED until at least 4:00 PM on May 22, 2020 unless modified or recalled by the Court.

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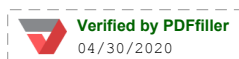
All judgments rendered or signed by a First and Second City Court or Civil District Court Judge during the suspension period will be mailed pursuant to La. C.C.P. art. 1913 (Notice of Judgment), unless notice is waived, after May 15, 2020.

8.

All evictions are stayed in First, Second City Court and Civil District Court until May 18, 2020 or when the Governor lifts the "stay at home order."

This Order is effective at 8:00 AM on Friday May 1, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice. All provisions of this Court's prior Orders shall remain in place, except as modified herein. Adjustments to this Order, if necessary, will be posted on the Court's website ([www.ortleancscdc.com](http://www.ortleancscdc.com)), and the Louisiana Supreme Court website ([www.lasc.org](http://www.lasc.org)), and in the news media.

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020 in New Orleans, Louisiana.



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CHIEF JUDGE CHRISTOPHER J. BRUNO  
CIVIL DISTRICT COURT



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CHIEF JUDGE VERONICA HENRY  
FIRST CITY COURT