



SECOND CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEAL
CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) EMERGENCY

APRIL 8, 2020

ORDER

Acting in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution Article V, Section 1, the inherent power of the Court, and considering the continuing spread of coronavirus 2019 disease (COVID-19) in Louisiana, Governor John Bell Edwards' declaration of public health emergencies in Proclamation Numbers JBE 2020-25, JBE 2020-27, JBE 2020-30, JBE 2020-33, and JBE 2020-41, President Donald Trump's declaration of a national health emergency on March 13, 2020, the Orders of the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Orders of this Court dated March 13, 2020, March 15, 2020, March 19, 2020, and March 23, 2020, and in consideration of public health recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and slowing the spread of the disease while balancing the need to protect the constitutional rights and public safety of the citizens of the state by maintaining access to this Court:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the provisions set forth in the Orders of this Court dated March 13, 2020, March 15, 2020, March 19, 2020, and March 23, 2020 shall remain in effect, *but are revised* as set forth below:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to the Proclamation (JBE 2020-41) by the Governor of the State of Louisiana, John Bel Edwards, for purposes of computing the timeliness of filings, the period of the suspension of legal deadlines (ending April 30, 2020) shall be considered a legal holiday; and thus, pleadings otherwise due in this Court during this legal holiday shall be due within seven (7) days of the resumption of normal court operation (May 7, 2020), except that expedited matters, such as cases governed by Uniform Rules – Courts of Appeal, Rule 5, shall be due on or before May 1, 2020. The Court will continue to process all filings made prior to May 7, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all cases to be orally argued are hereby continued without date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a notice of the foregoing shall be posted on the Court's website and at the front entrance of the courthouse.

Signed at Shreveport, Louisiana on the 8th day of April 2020.

/s/Felicia Toney Williams

Felicia Toney Williams, Chief Judge

For the Court