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Counties of Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough and Warren

2nd AMENDED

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-02

IN THE MATTER OF COURT OPERATIONS
IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PURSUANT
TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC/IMPACT ON TRIALS
AND AMENDMENT OF PREVIOUS AMENDED
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-02

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Illinois Supreme Court entered Order M.R. 30370, In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency/Impact on Trials. Said Order states "In the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to Article VI, Section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill.Const.1970, art. VI, sect. 16), and in view of the state of emergency that has been declared by the Governor of the State of Illinois in order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus;"

WHEREAS, said order resulted in the entry of Amended Administrative Order No. 2020-02 of the Ninth Judicial Circuit entered on March 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Illinois issued Order M.R. 30370 on April 3, 2020 which amends its previous order of March 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, said order of April 3, 2020 directs that "the Chief Judges of each circuit may continue trials until further order of this Court"; and

WHEREAS, said order further directs that "In the case of criminal proceedings, any delay resulting from this emergency continuance order shall not be attributable to either the State or the defendant for purposes of section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS 5/103-5 (West 2018))"; and

WHEREAS, said order directs that "In the case of juvenile delinquency proceedings, any delay resulting from this emergency continuance order shall not be attributable to either the State or the juvenile for purposes of section 5-601 of the Illinois Juvenile Court Act (705 ILCS 405/5-601 (West 2018))"; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit specifically finds that the interests of justice also requires continuance of these matters due to state and nationally recognized public health dangers of summoning a jury and/or conducting trials and that the ordering of these continuances is in the best interest of the public, including parties, witnesses, and all court personnel in order to follow the emergency declarations of our state and national authorities.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Illinois that this order amends and supercedes Amended Administrative Order No. 2020-02 of the Ninth Judicial Circuit entered on March 25, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Chief Judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Illinois that all matters set for trial in the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Illinois are continued until further order of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all criminal matters set for trial in the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Illinois are continued until further order of the Supreme Court of Illinois and that any delay resulting from this emergency continuance order shall not be attributable to either the State or the defendant for purposes of section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS 5/103-5 (West 2018)).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in juvenile delinquency proceedings, any delay resulting from this emergency continuance order shall not be attributable to either the State or the juvenile for purposes of section 5-601 of the Illinois Juvenile Court Act (705 ILCS 405/5-601 (West 2018)).

This Order is effective April 6, 2020.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2020.



David L. Vancil, Jr., Chief Judge
Ninth Judicial Circuit