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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-M-26  
Madison and Bond Counties

**Court Operations by the Third Judicial Circuit During COVID – DUI, Misdemeanor,  
Traffic and Municipal Ordinance Jury Trials**

This Order applies to the Courts within the Third Judicial Circuit. The Resident Circuit Judge of Bond County is authorized to issue local orders, rules or protocols, consistent herewith, and for the limited purpose of implementing the provisions of this order in that County.

**WHEREAS**, for the reasons mentioned in prior Third Circuit Administrative Orders, and reference therein to various Orders of the Illinois Supreme Court (M.R. 30370), all dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, and after consultation with and input from the presiding judge in the DUI, Misdemeanor, Traffic and Ordinance Division and various local justice and governmental partners, including the Madison County Health Department, Jury Commissioner, and the Circuit Clerk's office, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to update prior Administrative Orders, taking access to justice and public safety into account and upon considering guidance received from, but not limited to, the Illinois Supreme Court's May 20, 2020 Order M.R. 30370, *In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency*; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the current and continually high COVID positivity rates recorded by the Madison County Health Department, and in order to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, and in the interest of the health and safety of all court users, staff, and judicial officers during these extraordinary circumstances;

**WHEREFORE**, the undersigned, as Chief Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, hereby Orders as follows:

**DUI, MISDEMEANOR, TRAFFIC AND MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE JURY TRIALS**

Subject to future Administrative Orders, the previously entered Orders Regarding DUI, Traffic and Misdemeanor cases are amended as follows and shall apply to all such matters effective from this date:

No jury trials will be set for **any pending** DUI, Misdemeanor, Traffic and Municipal Ordinance cases until January 1, 2021, and any set to begin prior to September 1, 2020, are hereby CONTINUED until January 1, 2021, at which time

the Court shall either extend, modify, amend or vacate this Order depending upon the circumstances then prevailing.

The continuances occasioned by this Order serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interests of the public and defendants in a speedy trial and proper distancing and facilities limitations prevent such trials from proceeding safely. Any such continuance, per Supreme Court Order M.R. 30370, will be excluded from speedy trial computations and statutory time restrictions applicable to same shall be tolled.

*The Clerk of the Circuit Court is to notify all parties of record by posting on its website and emailing attorneys and by other appropriate means. This order shall be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Madison County, Illinois and that said order be made available to the members of the bar and public.*

ENTER: September 18, 2020



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William A. Mudge  
Chief Judge