

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
IN AND FOR DUVAL, CLAY AND NASSAU COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-06**

**RE: SUSPENSION OF CIRCUIT AND COUNTY COURT CIVIL JURY TRIALS DUE  
TO THE CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis of the State of Florida declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus in our State;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Supreme Court of Florida entered Administrative Order No. AOSC20-13 regarding COVID-19 Emergency Procedures in the Florida State Courts, which ordered the temporary suspension of various court proceedings, including civil jury trials;


**WHEREAS**, in order to follow the instructions from Governor DeSantis and the Supreme Court of Florida, and in order to appropriately respond to the current public health emergency, this Court is suspending all Circuit and County Court civil jury trials through May 1, 2020;

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the authority vested in me as the Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and pursuant to the Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is hereby

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that:

1. As of March 17, 2020, this Court is suspending all Circuit and County Court civil jury trials through May 1, 2020.
2. This Administrative Order will be subject to change depending upon the development of our current public health emergency.
3. This Administrative Order No. 2020-06 shall be recorded by the Clerk of the Court, in the Official Records of Duval, Clay, and Nassau Counties, in the State of Florida, shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in full force and effect until further order of this Court.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, this  
17 day of March, 2020.

  
**MARK H. MAHON**  
**CHIEF JUDGE**

cc: All Judges in the Fourth Judicial Circuit  
All Magistrates in the Fourth Judicial Circuit  
The Honorable Ronnie Fussell, Clerk of Courts, Duval County  
The Honorable John A. Crawford, Clerk of Courts, Nassau County  
The Honorable Tara S. Green, Clerk of Courts, Clay County  
The Honorable Charles G. Cofer, Esq, Public Defender  
The Honorable Melissa W. Nelson, Esq., State Attorney  
The Honorable Jason R. Gabriel, Esq., General Counsel  
The Honorable Mike Williams, Sheriff, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office  
The Honorable Darryl Daniels, Sheriff, Clay County Sheriff's Office  
The Honorable Bill Leeper, Sheriff, Nassau County Sheriff's Office  
Major Claude Colvin, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Courthouse Security  
Joseph G. Stelma, Fourth Judicial Circuit Trial Court Administrator  
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