IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUVENILE DIVISION

THOMAS M. BARONZZI, JUDGE-CLERK

By_____

COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO

Deputy Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF:

JUDGMENT ENTRY

**COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED
BY COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)**

CASE NO. 2020 MISC __0015__

This Court issues this general Administrative Order in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Ohio and Nationwide. Due to the confirmed cases of COVID-19, the Governor of the State of Ohio, Michael DeWine, has declared a State of Emergency which, among other things, limits indoor gatherings. The Governor's declaration follows the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Interim Guidance Recommendation that all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Given the outbreak of cases of COVID-19 in Ohio, the severity of risk posed to the public, the CDC mandate, and the Governor's Declaration, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that effective Monday, March 16th, 2020:

1. All civil and criminal Trials scheduled before this Court and any associated deadlines are continued for thirty (30) days pending further order of the Court.

2. All scheduled civil and criminal Trials are hereby converted to Pre-trial Hearings to be conducted at the date and time as scheduled for Trial.

3. With regard to criminal matters, this Court finds that the orders set forth herein are necessary for reasons that:

   A. Reduced ability to obtain an adequate spectrum of jurors;
   B. The risk to public health;
   C. The availability of counsel and court staff;
   D. The Governor's Declaration of "A State of Emergency";
      i. Therefore, this Court finds that pursuant to R.C. 2945.72(H) that the Court has the authority to sua sponte continue any criminal case set for trial within the next 30 days. *State v. Talley* 2008-Ohio-6807.
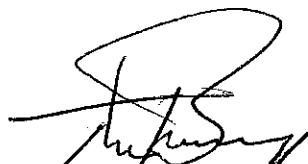
4. All Pre-trials shall be held by telephone between the Court and attorneys for the parties. Attorneys shall have their clients available by telephone for contact if needed. All parties not represented by attorneys of record with the Court shall also be available to participate in Pre-trial Hearings by telephone. The telephone Pre-trials will be initiated by the Court.

5. The Court will continue to hear cases involving civil protection orders and civil stalking protection orders, delinquency, abuse, neglect and dependency.

6. Case by case exceptions to the continuances provided by this order may be ordered by the Court after consultation with counsel.

7. This Order does not affect the Court's consideration of civil or criminal matters that can be resolved upon motion without oral argument.

8. All other non-essential services of the Court including, but not limited to, CASA/GAL services and Probation Department activities shall be limited and conducted to the extent possible in a manner that avoids unnecessary personal public contact.

The Columbiana County Probate and Juvenile Divisions of the Court of Common Pleas shall remain open. The public may continue to utilize the court's services while following all applicable public health guidelines. Personal appearance at the courts shall be limited to those of strict necessity.

This Order will be reviewed not later than April 16th, 2020, at which point the Court will amend, vacate or continue this Order.

The Deputy Clerk shall enter the judgment upon the Court's journal and within three (3) days thereafter shall serve upon all parties not in default for failure to appear notice of the judgment and its date of entry upon the journal.
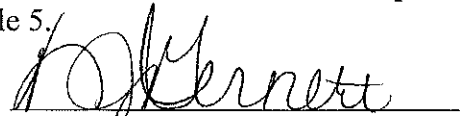
All until further order of the Court.

THOMAS M. BARONZZI
Judge

cc: Columbiana County Bar Association (via email)
    Columbiana County Commissioners
    Columbiana County Municipal Court
    Columbiana County Court of Common Pleas, General Division
    Columbiana County East Liverpool Municipal Court
    Columbiana County Health Department
    Ohio Judicial Conference

PROOF OF SERVICE

A copy of the enclosed Entry was entered upon the journal of the Court by the Deputy Clerk on the _16th_ day of March, 2020 in conformity with Civil Rule 58B and served upon the above named parties, or their counsel, pursuant to Civil Rule 5.

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Deputy Clerk