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COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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JUVENILE DIVISION

THOMAS M. BARONZZI, JUDGE-CLERK
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Deputy Clerk

COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO

JUDGMENT ENTRY

CASE NO. 2020 MISC 0037

IN THE MATTER OF:

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

This Court issues this general Administrative Order in response to the recent increase of COVID-19 cases 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 increase in number of COVID-19 cases 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, December 14th, 2020:

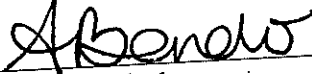
1. All scheduled civil and criminal Trials are hereby converted to Pre-trial Hearings to be conducted at the date and time as scheduled for Trial.
2. With regard to criminal matters, this Court finds that the orders set forth herein are necessary for reasons that:
 - A. Reduced ability to obtain an adequate 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.

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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 17th day of December, 2020 in conformity with Civil Rule 58B and served upon the above named parties, or their counsel, pursuant to Civil Rule 5.



Deputy Clerk