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PROBATE AND JUVENILE DIVISIONS THOMAS M. BARONZZI, JUDGE-CLERK

COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO

By   
Deputy Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF:

JUDGMENT ENTRY

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

CASE NO. 2020 MISC 0017

The Probate and Juvenile Division of the Columbiana County Court of Common Pleas makes the following findings of fact:

1. On March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-OID *Declaring a State of Emergency* in response to the growing COVID-19 virus public health crisis.
2. On March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 virus to be a *pandemic* requiring *urgent and aggressive action* to control the spread of the virus.
3. On March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, United States President Donald J. Trump declared that the COVID-19 virus outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency.
4. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *CDC*, is directing that Americans must practice *social distancing*, which is defined as *remaining out of places where people meet or gather, and maintaining a distance of six feet from others*.
5. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Columbiana County Board of County Commissioners restricted public access to the Court of Common Pleas, Municipal Courts and Clerk of Courts for all purposes excepting emergency or time sensitive matters.
6. On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued an additional Executive Order restricting public access and/or closing all non-essential businesses and services encouraging the public to shelter in place in their homes.

Based upon these findings, the Probate and Juvenile Division of the Columbiana County Court of Common Pleas has developed alternatives and procedures in response to this public health crisis. The Court has developed and designated alternative court and hearing facilities to

comply with all federal, state and local orders and to maintain access to justice in regard to all essential, emergency or time sensitive matters.

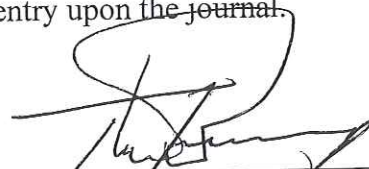
**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. The Probate and Juvenile Division of the Columbiana County Court of Common Pleas Local Rules are temporarily modified and adapted to allow the Court flexibility, within constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
2. This public health emergency shall be considered a finding of *just cause* for continuances deemed necessary by the Judge or Magistrate on a case-by-case basis.
3. The Court will have the lawful authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the declared public health emergency.
4. Judicial staff, employees, attorneys and deputies assigned to the courthouses who exhibit signs of illness consistent with the COVID-19 virus, or are aware that they have come in contact with anyone who has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, shall promptly notify the Court by telephone and shall not come into the courthouse or report for work unless specifically instructed to do so by the Judge.
5. Any and all persons including court employees may be subject to health screening or testing, if testing is available, and may be denied access to the court facilities based upon the results of such screening and/or testing.
6. If a trial, hearing or other court proceeding must be held, the Judge or Magistrate shall determine, on a case-by-case basis, who may be permitted in the courthouse and any court facility. Any person who may be admitted under this provision may be subject to health screening or testing, if testing is available, and may be excluded from admission based upon the results of such screening and testing.
7. The Court shall attempt to minimize the amount of travel and social interaction of litigants, attorneys, witnesses, law enforcement and judicial personnel by continuing non-essential proceedings, or conducting proceedings, as far as practical, by remote video or telephonic means.
8. All probation reporting will be done telephonically with the exception of high risk or other youth as the Court or Probation Officer may determine necessary for face-to-face encounters.
9. All necessary court filings except emergency or ex parte filings shall be completed by mailing pleadings to the Court by regular U.S. Postal mailing. In the event emergency or a filing for ex parte relief with the Court is deemed necessary, the parties or their counsel may contact the Court by telephone at (330) 424-4071 for Juvenile Court or (330) 424-9516 for Probate Court. Upon contacting the Court, the parties or their counsel will be directed as to whether the Court deems the intended filing to require emergency or ex parte relief. Upon specific leave granted by the

Court, the parties or their counsel will be permitted to file pleadings with the Court by facsimile transmission at a number provided by a deputy clerk. All communications or filings that the Court receives by facsimile that are not pursuant to specific leave granted by the Court will be disregarded and destroyed.

10. All Probate and Juvenile Court hearings shall be conducted in a temporary courtroom facility at the Charles Pike Juvenile Court Center designated by the Court to minimize public entry into the remainder of the court facility and exposure of staff and others.
11. All questions regarding the application of these Rules to any current or future filings or proceedings before the Court shall be directed to the Court at (330) 424-4071 for Juvenile Court and (330) 424-9516 for Probate Court.
12. The orders set forth herein are to be enforced in addition to the prior orders of this Court dated March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 health emergency.
13. These orders of the Court shall be effective 8:00 a.m., March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 and shall continue until specific further order of this Court suspending the orders in whole or in part.
14. This *Temporary Order* shall be served on the **Supreme Court of Ohio**, the Seventh District Court of Appeals, the General Division of the Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Courts of Columbiana County, the Columbiana County Prosecutor's Office, the Columbiana County Bar Association, the Columbiana County Sheriff, the Columbiana County Board of County Commissioners and the Columbiana County Health Department and shall be posted on the Court's website at [www.ccjcourt.com](http://www.ccjcourt.com) or [www.columbianacountylawlibrary.org](http://www.columbianacountylawlibrary.org).
15. 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

#### PROOF OF SERVICE

A copy of the enclosed Entry was entered upon the journal of the Court by the Deputy Clerk on the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Allison M. Barolo  
Deputy Clerk