



ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and in accordance with the recent operational protocols issued by the Chief Administrative Judge for the trial courts of the Unified Court System, I hereby order that effective 5:00 PM on March 16, 2020 the following rules be put into effect in the 8th Judicial District until rescinded.

As hereinafter used, "Assigned Judge" shall refer to the judge assigned to hear the case on and before March 16, 2020. "Designated Judge" shall refer to the judge assigned to hear the case pursuant to this Order. "Essential Staff" shall refer to chambers staff of Designated Judges or non-judicial staff as designated by the District Executive.

- No eviction orders shall be signed.
- No default judgments shall be granted.
- No foreclosure auctions shall be held.
- All Family Court and all County Court Judges are cross-assigned to the County and Family Courts in all counties of the District; and shall be designated Youth Part Judges.
- All Court proceedings will occur in the locations described in Attachment A and presided over by a "Designated Judge" unless otherwise approved by the Administrative Judge.
- Maximum occupancy of ALL courtrooms, waiting rooms and meeting rooms in Court Facilities shall be the lesser 30 people or ½ the posted room occupancy per code.
- After 5:00 PM on March 16, 2020 only Designated Judges and Essential Staff may report to the courthouse for work unless approved by the Administrative Judge.

Supreme Civil

- All non-essential matters are administratively adjourned until a date on or after April 30, 2020 (to be determined by the Assigned or Designated Judge - Essential Staff shall be responsible for notifying attorneys or pro-se litigants of the adjourned dates).
- All civil jury trials that have commenced may continue.
- "Essential matters" is defined as urgent applications or cases in the following categories: Article 81 cases, Mental Hygiene Law applications (Retention Cases/Medication Over Objection cases), Orders to Show Cause, Extreme Risk Protection Orders, Applications for Orders of Protection, Isolation and Quarantine matters and any other matter determined to be essential by the Assigned Justice or Designated Justice in consultation with the Administrative Judge.
- All Temporary Orders of Protection and Temporary Extreme Risk Protection Orders shall be extended 90 days by the assigned or designated Supreme Court Justice, unless further emergency application is made.

Superior Court Criminal Cases

- Any trial in which jeopardy has attached will continue.
- All non-essential matters are administratively adjourned until a date on or after April 30, 2020 (for defendants not in custody) or on or after April 15, 2020 (for defendants in custody). The adjourned date shall be determined by the Assigned or Designated Judge - Essential Staff shall be responsible for notifying attorneys or pro-se litigants of the adjourned date.
- "Essential Matters" includes arraignments, new and/or extended Orders of Protection and any other matters determined to be essential by the Assigned Judge or Designated Judge in consultation with the Administrative Judge.
- Currently seated Grand Juries may continue until the expiration of their terms. Thereafter, a District Attorney may make application to the Administrative Judge for the impaneling of a new Grand Jury.
- The Accessible Magistrate procedure (for Adolescent Offenders) currently in place shall continue.

Treatment Courts/OIC

- Treatment courts and Opioid Intervention Courts will be subject to further order.

Family Court

- All non-essential matters are administratively adjourned until a date on or after April 30, 2020 (to be determined by the Assigned or Designated Judge - Essential Staff shall be responsible for notifying attorneys or pro-se litigants of the adjourned dates).
- "Essential matters" shall be defined as urgent Juvenile Delinquency proceedings, Child Protective Proceedings where there is an imminent risk of harm to a child, Family Offense matters, emergency support matters, and any other matters determined to be essential after application by the designated judge to the Supervising Judge. The Supervising Judge, in consultation with the Administrative Judge, shall permit a matter to proceed if warranted.
- All Temporary Orders of Protection shall be extended 90 days, by a designated Family Court Judge, unless further emergency application is made.

Surrogate's Court

- All non-essential matters are administratively adjourned until a date on or after April 30, 2020 (to be determined by the assigned or designated judge - Essential Staff shall be responsible for notifying attorneys or pro-se litigants of the adjourned dates).
- Essential matters shall include urgent guardianships, urgent adoptions, and other essential matters as determined by the Surrogate in consultation with the Administrative Judge.

City Court

- All non-essential matters are administratively adjourned until a date on or after April 30, 2020 (for defendants not in custody and for civil matters) or on or after April 15, 2020 (for defendants in custody). The adjourned date shall be determined by the Assigned or Designated judge - Essential Staff shall be responsible for notifying attorneys or pro-se litigants of the adjourned date.
- Staff designated to work shall be responsible for notifying attorneys or pro-se litigants/defendants of the adjourned dates.
- Essential matters shall include arraignments, applications for Orders of Protection, and any matter deemed to be essential by the Supervising Judge in consultation with the Administrative Judge.

Town and Village Courts

- All non-essential matters are administratively adjourned until a date on or after April 30, 2020 (for defendants not in custody and for civil matters) or on or after April 15, 2020 (for defendants in custody). The adjourned date shall be determined by the Assigned or Designated Judge - Town and Village staff shall be responsible for notifying attorneys or pro-se litigants/defendants of the adjourned dates.
- Essential Town and Village Matters include arraignments, applications for Orders of Protection and any matter deemed to be essential by the Supervising Judge in consultation with the Administrative Judge.
- Immediate Arraignments that occur during the day shall occur at the County Courthouse by the designated County Court Judge.
- After hours arraignments shall be heard by the CAP judge in counties with a CAP court.
- For all non- CAP counties after hours arraignments shall be heard by current procedure according to existing law.

Dated: Buffalo, New York

March 16, 2020



Hon. Paula L. Feroletto

Administrative Judge Eighth Judicial District

Distribution:

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Seneca County	Seneca County Courthouse, Waterloo Seneca CAP
Steuben County	Steuben County Courthouse, Bath Steuben CAP
Corning City Court	Steuben County Courthouse, Bath
Hornell City Court	Steuben County Courthouse, Bath Steuben CAP
Wayne County	Wayne County Courthouse, Lyons Wayne CAP
Yates County	Yates County Courthouse, Penn Yan Yates CAP

8th District

Allegany County	Allegany County Courthouse, Belmont
Cattaraugus County	Cattaraugus County Courthouse, Little Valley
Olean City Court	Cattaraugus County Courthouse, Little Valley
Salamanca City Court	Cattaraugus County Courthouse, Little Valley
Chautauque County	Chautauque County Courthouse, Mayville
Dunkirk City Court	Chautauque County Courthouse, Mayville
Jameson City Court	Chautauque County Courthouse, Mayville
Erie County	Erie County Courthouse, Buffalo
Buffalo City Court	Erie County Courthouse, Buffalo
Lackawanna City Court	Erie County Courthouse, Buffalo
Tonawanda City Court	Erie County Courthouse, Buffalo
Genesee County	Genesee County Court Facility, Batavia
Batavia City Court	Genesee County Court Facility, Batavia
Niagara County	Niagara County Courthouse, Lockport
Lockport City Court	Niagara County Courthouse, Lockport
Niagara Falls City Court	Niagara County Courthouse, Lockport
North Tonawanda City Court	Niagara County Courthouse, Lockport
Orleans County	Orleans County Courthouse, Albion
Wyoming County	Wyoming County Courthouse, Warsaw

9th District

Exhibit A