

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

In re: PERIOD OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19
CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS

Order

Pursuant to Order of the Supreme Court of Virginia dated May 6, 2020, the Court enters this Order to advise court users of the protocols and schedules of this Court through June 7, 2020.

- 1) Effective May 18, 2020, the Court shall hear in the courtroom protective order appeals on their scheduled trial date and garnishment proceedings on the scheduled return date. All other civil cases on the trial docket through June 7, 2020 shall be continued, unless otherwise excepted as listed below.
- 2) Through June 7, 2020, criminal cases and misdemeanor/traffic appeal cases shall be continued subject to the following exceptions: The Court may hear by use of video conferencing inmate arraignments and inmate determination of counsel hearings, bail hearings, court approved modification of sentence hearings, criminal guilty plea matters with an agreed disposition (plea agreement sentence recommendation) and stipulated violation of probation matters with agreed dispositions or sentence.
- 3) The Friday Motion Docket is cancelled.
- 4) No jury trials shall occur until further notice.
- 5) The Court shall hear urgent statutory mandated matters on the Duty Judge Docket by two-way electronic audio-visual communication system using Polycom or WebEx, or by telephone, unless an in-person hearing is approved by a Judge.
- 6) Matters deemed an emergency and approved by the Court for hearing shall be heard on the Duty Judge Docket by two-way electronic audio-visual communication system using Polycom or WebEx, or by telephone, unless an in-person hearing is approved by a Judge.
- 7) All non-emergency matters may be granted a hearing by the Court. Such hearing shall be scheduled on the Duty Judge Docket and shall be heard by two-way electronic audio-visual communication system using Polycom or WebEx, or by telephone, unless an in-person hearing is approved by a Judge.
- 8) Matters already set on the Duty Judge docket between May 18 to June 5 shall be heard remotely by use of a two-way electronic audio-visual communication system using Polycom or WebEx, or by telephone, unless an in-person hearing is approved by a Judge.
- 9) Civil Docket Call shall be held subject to social and physical distancing restrictions in the courtroom.
- 10) Any in-person court proceeding shall be limited to no more than 10 people in the courtroom and subject to social and physical distancing restrictions. All attorneys shall, and all parties and witnesses appearing in a courtroom are encouraged to, wear cloth face coverings or masks over their nose and mouth except when that may inhibit the ability to communicate or as otherwise directed by a judge.

ENTER: May 15, 2020


CHIEF JUDGE GLENN R. CROSHAW