

IN RE: STATEWIDE JUDICIAL  
EMERGENCY – SUSPENSION  
SUPERIOR COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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: PENNSYLVANIA

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: No. 3 Administrative Docket  
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**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 17th day of March 2020, in accordance with the Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, declaring a general, statewide, judicial emergency, **see** 532 Judicial Administration Docket (Mar. 16, 2020), the following is hereby ORDERED:

- A. The public counters for all three Superior Court Offices of the Prothonotary are CLOSED until further Order of this Court. The Court will continue to accept filings ONLY through PACFile electronic filing, through the United States Postal Service, or by commercial delivery carrier.
- B. The due dates for all filings due in the Superior Court between March 17, 2020, and April 17, 2020, are EXTENDED by 30 days. Filings for matters classified as Children’s Fast Track, **see** Pa.R.A.P. 102 (relating to definitions), are NOT SUBJECT to this extension;
- C. All timelines imposed by Pennsylvania Rule of Appellate Procedure 903, for appeals from orders entered between March 17, 2020, and April 17, 2020, that would be subject to the Superior Court’s jurisdiction, are EXTENDED by 30 days. The courts of common pleas are directed to ensure all notices of appeals filed in their courts bear a date stamp of the court’s receipt of the notice of appeal, and that each notice of appeal either bears an electronic-filing stamp or is attached to the postmark from the envelope that contained the notice of appeal. Notices of appeal in matters classified as Children’s Fast Track, **see** Pa.R.A.P. 102 (relating to definitions), are NOT SUBJECT to this extension;

- D. The due dates for applications for reconsideration or reargument, as imposed by Pennsylvania Rule of Appellate Procedure 2542(a), are EXTENDED by 30 days. The due dates for applications for reconsideration or reargument of Children's Fast Track cases, as imposed by Pennsylvania Rule of Appellate Procedure 2542(b), are NOT SUBJECT to this extension;
- E. Any requests for extensions of time or other extraordinary relief related to applications filed pursuant to the Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance Control Act, 18 Pa.C.S. §§ 5701, *et seq.* ("Wiretap Act") shall be made to the judge who has been assigned to the particular wiretap application or, if the wiretap application has not yet been assigned, then to the Wiretap Act Supervising Judge.

The time limits for any order authorizing the interception of any wire, electronic or oral communication as set forth in § 5712(b) of the Wiretap Act shall remain in full force and effect; AND

- F. All emergency motions shall be filed through the PACFile electronic filing system, and must be clearly titled as an Emergency Motion. To the extent a party is unable to file an emergency motion on PACFile, they are encouraged to call the respective district's Prothonotary's Office, which phone numbers may be found at: <http://www.pacourts.us/courts/superior-court/prothonotarys-addresses>. Parties are on notice that emergency motions may take longer than usual to address.

Children's Fast Track filings must be made within the time established by general rule using the PACFile electronic filing system, **see** Pa.R.A.P. 125 (relating to electronic filing), or by proper postmark or receipt as provided by the United States Postal Service or commercial delivery carrier.

Any future Orders regarding Superior Court operations during the COVID-19 situation shall be docketed at this Administration Docket number and posted on the Unified Judicial System website.

This Court's Prothonotary is DIRECTED to transmit this Order to the Pennsylvania Bar Association, with a request that such association promptly forward the notice to all members and all local bar associations.

This Order shall terminate on April 17, 2020, unless renewed on or before that date.

*By the Court: Jack A. Panella,  
President Judge*

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