

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
PENSACOLA DIVISION**

**IN RE: MODIFICATION TO
FINAL SCHEDULING ORDER IN
CIVIL CASES ASSIGNED TO
JUDGE M. CASEY RODGERS.**

Case No. 4:95mc40111

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The Center for Disease Control and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases have recently warned of the evolving threat represented by the outbreak and spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States. On Monday, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis declared a public health emergency throughout the state, and yesterday, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) labelled COVID-19 a global pandemic. According to these and other public health experts, social distancing measures are the most effective way to combat the rapid spread of COVID-19 and prevent illness.¹ Thus, in consideration of the serious health crisis facing the nation and the State of Florida from the virus, the undersigned has decided to suspend discovery, with the exception of written discovery, in all civil cases pending before her that are currently operating under a Final Scheduling Order, for **30 days**. No depositions (virtual or otherwise) will be required during this period. All other

¹ As of today at 1:49 p.m. CDT, the Florida Department of Health had confirmed two COVID-19 cases in this district, one of which resulted in death.

deadlines, including deadlines for mediation and/or dispositive motions, are likewise tolled. The Court will reassess the impact of COVID-19 in the coming weeks and amend this Order as appropriate.

SO ORDERED, on this 12th day of March 2020.

s/ M. Casey Rodgers

CASEY RODGERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE