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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Montgomery County Bar Association is monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and we are assembling credible information, updates, and resources as they relate to the legal profession. We will do our best to continue to serve our members and the Montgomery legal community during this unprecedented time. To that end, please allow me to share with you the Notice issued by Judge Johnny Hardwick, Presiding Judge of the 15th Judicial Circuit.

In this Notice, Judge Hardwick makes it clear that while in-person appearances at the courthouse are limited due to COVID-19, the judges of the 15th Judicial Circuit “may adjudicate their dockets by way of a telephone and/or video conference call.” Essentially, in the 15th Judicial Circuit, you may carry on business as usual with the caveat being that status conferences, hearings, and oral arguments will be conducted by telephonic and/or videographic means.

I am also attaching an important notice from the Montgomery County Circuit Clerk’s Office. This notice outlines, among other things, the clerk’s office hours of operations and court filing options that are available to us. In addition to filing matters by AlaFile, mail, and email, the clerk’s office will have a drop box placed outside of the Montgomery County Courthouse from 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. each day for your filing needs.

As new information and resources become available, we will make you aware of them through the MCBA website, email, and *The Docket*. Please note that in accordance with recommendations by both state and federal health authorities, our MCBA staff is now working remotely. If the MCBA can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Suzanne Duffey at SuzanneDuffey@mc-ala.org.

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