

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY, MISSOURI

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER (eff. 3/19/20)

Courts provide an essential function, and the Judges of Christian County recognize that each case is of vital importance to those involved. Therefore, the Circuit Court of Christian County will remain open, but will limit the Court's business between now and May 15th as set forth in this Order. If you had a matter set in Christian County prior to May 15th, you have likely already received a new date or have been contacted by the clerk's office to reschedule. The Court is currently following these restrictions:

1. Matters set on routine criminal dockets typically held in each Division have been reset to a date certain in May or June. Please refer to Case.Net or contact the Circuit Clerk's office if you have not received notice of the new setting. You may notice routine matters involving out-of-custody defendants for dates after May 15.

2. Matters set on routine civil dockets typically held in each Division may be rescheduled or heard by telephone. If you have a civil motion that you wish to have heard by telephone, please make arrangements by emailing the Judge's clerk. Otherwise, notice all routine civil motions for a date after May 15.

3. Routine civil dockets involving small claims and landlord-tenant cases in Division 4 have been reset to a date certain in May or June. Please refer to Case.Net or contact the Circuit Clerk's office if you have not received notice of the new setting. The Court will hear small claims and landlord-tenant cases after May 15.

4. Generally, all in-person hearings scheduled before May 15 will be rescheduled to the earliest available date, with the exception of juvenile matters, hearings on orders of protection, and proceedings involving in-custody criminal defendants and emergency guardianships, which the Court will continue to hear.

5. All jury trials scheduled before May 1 will be rescheduled to the earliest available date. Please email your available dates to the Judge's clerk.

6. All bench trials scheduled before May 1 will be rescheduled to the earliest available date. Please email your available dates to the Judge's clerk.

7. If you have a matter that you believe requires immediate attention, please contact the Judge's clerk to determine how the matter should be handled.

Attorneys and parties are encouraged to call the Clerk's office or email a Judge's clerk with any questions. We will continue to monitor the situation and make changes as needed. We will return to business as normal as soon as safely possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

March 29, 2020

Laura Johnson, Presiding Judge, 38th Circuit

