

To: 38th Judicial Circuit

From: Laura Johnson, Presiding Circuit Judge

Re: Judicial Office Closing

Date: December 22 and 23, 2022

Court Operating Rule 7.C.12.2(a) authorizes the Presiding Judge of each Judicial Court to close the Judicial Offices due to inclement weather. Court Operating Rule 7.C.12.2(b) authorizes the closing of Judicial Offices when necessary to protect the health and safety of employees.

Christian County is forecasted to experience a severe winter storm beginning the morning of December 22, 2022 and continue into December 23, 2022, that will result in dangerously low temperatures, severe winds and snow. The low temperatures may cause flash freezing on the roads and car trouble, making travel dangerous. The County has announced that its offices are closing on December 22 and 23. As a result of the closing of County offices, and the forecasted winter storm, the Court is closing on December 22 and 23, 2022.

It should be noted that even when the physical facility of the Court is closed due to inclement weather, the processing of cases continues. Parties may continue to file pleadings electronically and contact Court personnel by email. Applications for ex parte orders of protection may be accessed through the Court's website and will be reviewed immediately and granted if appropriate. Applications for search warrants and arrest warrants will continue to be reviewed. Necessary hearings may be conducted virtually. If your case will be conducted virtually, you will be notified by the Court. Court personnel may continue working offsite.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that all Judicial offices located in Christian County in the 38th Judicial Circuit shall be closed on December 22 and 23, 2022, due to the closing of County offices and severe winter weather forecasted to cause unsafe driving conditions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all timesheets for December 22 and 23, 2022 shall reflect the hours that would normally be worked and make reference to being off on Administrative Leave pursuant to order of the Presiding Judge and COR 7.C.12.2(b).

Laura Johnson
Presiding Circuit Judge
38th Judicial Circuit