**SUPREME COURT**
**No. 2020-13**

# EXECUTIVE ORDER

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the extraordinary circumstances that have arisen as a result, the Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court pursuant to G.L. 1956 § 8-15-2 orders as follows:

As of May 18, 2020, anyone needing additional time to file papers in the Supreme Court shall file a motion consistent with Article I of the Rules of Appellate Procedure.

The restrictions on in-person filings contained in Executive Order 2020-05, and continued in Executive Order 2020-10, shall continue except as provided herein. All papers in both emergency and routine matters shall continue to be filed with the Supreme Court electronically by email to SupremeCourtClerksOffice@courts.ri.gov and may include typographical signatures. Papers electronically filed with the Court by email shall be deemed filed on the day of emailing.

Any person seeking emergency treatment for an electronic filing must make that clear in both the body of the filing and in the email.

Parties shall continue to provide the Court with copies of all papers filed by email in the number required by the Rules of Appellate Procedure. Copies shall be mailed to the Clerk's Office on or around the date of electronic filing except that bulky filings such as Rule 12A statements, briefs and appendices, and lengthy

memoranda may be filed in-person in accordance with procedures established by the Clerk for in-person visits to the Clerk's Office.

*Pro se* litigants and attorneys previously granted a waiver of electronic filing requirements who are unable to submit filings by email, may continue to file papers in routine matters by mail in accordance with the Rules of Appellate Procedure. Such papers filed with the Court by mail shall be deemed filed on the day of mailing.

The Clerk shall develop procedures for limited in-person visits to the Clerk's Office consistent with Executive Order 2020-12. In-person visits to the Clerk's Office may resume once those procedures are put in place by the Clerk.

The Clerk may continue to modify current procedures as necessary to conduct the business of the Court electronically.

The foregoing measures shall remain in place until such time that a new Executive Order is issued revoking or amending this Order.

Entered as an Executive Order this ***15th*** day of ***May 2020***.

BY ORDER:

/s/
Paul A. Suttell
Chief Justice