IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA
IN RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE

March 15, 2020

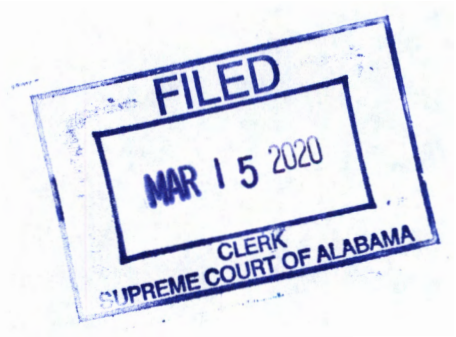
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2 PERTAINING TO THE SUSPENSION OF ALL IN-PERSON COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS

On March 13, 2020, this Court issued an administrative order declaring a state of emergency for the entire judicial branch for the State of Alabama amid the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic. The Court issues the following order to modify or to otherwise clarify provisions of the March 13, 2020, order.

The March 13, 2020, order is limited to in-person courtroom proceedings. It has no effect on out-of-court activities in civil cases, including, but not limited to, depositions and mediations. Such out-of-court activities should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and this Court encourages all parties and attorneys to work together to implement appropriate social-distancing practices. Any dispute about an out-of-court activity related to a pending case should be directed to the court that is adjudicating the case.

Parker, C.J., and Bolin, Shaw, Wise, Bryan, Stewart, and Mitchell, JJ., concur.

Witnessed this 15th day of March 2020.



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