Supreme Court
No. 2020-10

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:

All time limitations in Article I of the Rules of Appellate Procedure are extended in accordance with Executive Order 2020-09.

All pending motions seeking extensions of time to a date on or before May 29, 2020 are denied as moot.

The restrictions on in-person filings contained in Executive Order 2020-05 shall continue. Starting April 14, 2020, all papers in both emergency and routine matters shall be filed with the Supreme Court electronically by email to SupremeCourtClerksOffice@courts.ri.gov and may include typographical signatures. 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 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 at the Clerk's Office when normal operations resume.

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 address any deficiencies in filings when normal operations resume and shall make reasonable allowances to avoid delay in cases proceeding through the appellate process. The Clerk may modify current procedures as necessary to conduct the business of the Court electronically. For example, the Clerk may issue writs of certiorari electronically, under typographical signature, and without the seal of the Court.

The foregoing measures shall remain in place through May 17, 2020 or until such time that a new Executive Order is issued revoking or amending this Order.

Entered as an Executive Order this ***13th*** day of ***April 2020***.

BY ORDER:

/s/

Paul A. Suttell
Chief Justice