Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

April 23, 2020

ADM File No. 2020-08

Administrative Order No. 2020-10

Delay of Jury Trials

Bridget M. McCormack,
Chief Justice

David F. Viviano,
Chief Justice Pro Tem

Stephen J. Markman
Brian K. Zahra
Richard H. Bernstein
Elizabeth T. Clement
Megan K. Cavanagh,
Justices

On order of the Court, pursuant to 1963 Const, Art VI, §4, which provides for the Supreme Court's general superintending control over all state courts, all jury trials are delayed for a period of 60 days from the date of this administrative order (until June 22, 2020), or as otherwise provided for by local order, whichever date is later.

Further, the State Court Administrative Office is authorized to initiate pilot projects regarding practices related to how to conduct remote jury trials. The pilot courts will test and evaluate innovative jury procedures to allow for appropriate social distancing while also protecting the parties' Constitutional and statutory rights. After the pilot projects are complete, the State Court Administrative Office shall provide recommendations to assist all courts in providing jury trials that promote public health and safety as well as protect people's rights.

This order shall remain in effect through June 22, 2020, or until further order of the Court.

I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

April 23, 2020

Clerk