THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SUPREME COURT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ORDER

Pursuant to its constitutional authority and powers of general superintendence over the New Hampshire court system, and upon consideration of the guidance of federal and state public health officials, the Supreme Court makes the following order in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

To limit possible community transmission of the coronavirus, guidance from New Hampshire's Department of Health and Human Services advises travelers from outside of the New England states to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in New Hampshire. In accord with this guidance, the New Hampshire Judicial Branch will allow people who have traveled from outside of New England to enter courthouses after they complete the 14-day self-quarantine period. Litigants and lawyers are advised to plan ahead to comply with this requirement, both for themselves and for anyone they intend to have attend, or testify during, a live, in-person proceeding.

As justice requires, the Presiding Judge of a court can pre-approve requested exceptions to this requirement, consistent with current public-health guidelines for limiting contagion risk, such as social distancing measures and

limitations on the amount of time that a person is in the courthouse.

This order shall remain in effect until revoked or amended.

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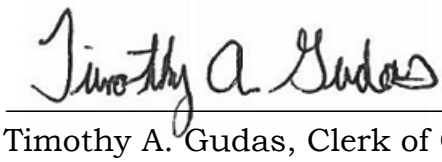
ATTEST: 

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Supreme Court of New Hampshire