IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
ON THE PROGRESSIVE RESUMPTION OF FULL FUNCTION OF
JUDICIARY OPERATIONS
PREVIOUSLY RESTRICTED DUE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Maryland Constitution, Article IV, § 18, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals is granted authority as the administrative head of the Judicial Branch of the State; and

WHEREAS, The Court of Appeals has approved Chapter 1000 of Title 16 of the Maryland Rules of Practice and Procedure setting forth the emergency powers of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and consistent with guidance issued by the CDC and Prevention (CDC) and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), an emergency exists for which measures continue to be required to mitigate potential for exposure for individuals visiting a court or judicial facility and judicial personnel; and

WHEREAS, The administration of justice necessarily has been affected by the pandemic and will continue to require the professionalism, courtesy, and cooperation of the members of the bench and the bar in navigating the changes to practices and procedures; and

WHEREAS, Remote proceedings have proved to be useful and effective in facilitating the courts' performance of core functions during the COVID-19 emergency and will continue to be necessary; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 emergency continues, though restrictions are being eased in parts of Maryland, and requires the Judiciary to implement a phased approach to progress from emergency operations toward full operational functions, while employing safety measures and monitoring local health conditions to continue to support the health and safety of Maryland residents and Judiciary personnel,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and administrative head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, do hereby order this 22nd day of May 2020, as follows:

(a) Beginning June 5, 2020, there shall be a progressive, phased return to full operations by the courts in the Maryland Judiciary, court offices, administrative offices, units of the Judiciary, the Offices of the Clerks of the Circuit Courts, and the clerks' offices of the District Court, which have been restricted to emergency operations and closed to the public with limited exceptions since March 17, 2020; and

(b) Consisting of five phases, each phase represents an increase in the level of operation within court locations. As the COVID-19 profile changes throughout the state over the next several months, it may become necessary to retreat from a later to an earlier phase, or to adjust the phase in one or more specific jurisdictions within the state, with any required changes in phases to be announced as soon as feasible; and

(c) Phase I is the current state of emergency operations consistent with the *Fourth Amended Administrative Order Expanding and Extending Statewide Judiciary Restricted Operations Due to the COVID-19 Emergency*, filed May 4, 2020, as noted in the attached Exhibit; and

(d) In Phase II, courts will expand the scope of matters that can be heard both remotely and on-site, including matters that were postponed or deferred during restricted operations, as well as matters that must be prioritized. Beginning at 5:00 p.m. on June 5, 2020, jurisdictions shall proceed to Phase II as described in the attached Exhibit, with the Offices of the Clerks of the Circuit Courts and the clerks' offices of the District Court remaining closed to the public with limited exceptions. Court activities shall proceed with restrictions to limit the concentration of individuals and allow social distancing, consistent with guidance of the CDC or MDH or both; and

(e) In Phase III, courts will schedule and hold a broader range of matters, including certain non-jury trials in the District Court and attorney disciplinary matters in the circuit courts, with limited in-person services to be offered as determined by the administrative judge and posted electronically and in the court facility. On July 20, 2020, jurisdictions shall proceed to Phase III, as described in the attached Exhibit, with the Offices of the Clerks of the Circuit Courts and the clerks' offices of the District Court open to the public. Court and clerk activities shall proceed with continued restrictions to limit the concentration of individuals and allow social distancing, consistent with guidance of the CDC or MDH or both, and subject to staffing as determined in Section (o); and

(f) In Phase IV, courts will resume non-jury trials and contested hearings in criminal, civil, family, and juvenile matters. On August 31, 2020, jurisdictions shall proceed to Phase IV, as described in the attached Exhibit, with continued restrictions to limit the concentration of individuals and allow social distancing, consistent with guidance of the CDC or MDH or both; and

(g) In Phase V, courts will resume full operations, including jury trials. Beginning October 5, 2020, jurisdictions shall proceed to Phase V, as

described in the attached Exhibit, with continued restrictions to limit the concentration of individuals and allow social distancing, consistent with the guidance of the CDC or MDH or both; and

(h) Through the end of Phase IV, the courts are authorized to conduct remote proceedings using communication platforms, consistent with the *Administrative Order on the Implementation of Remote Electronic Participation in Judicial Proceedings*, filed June 18, 2018, and *the Amended Administrative Order on Remote Proceedings Held During the COVID-19 Emergency,* filed May 1, 2020; and

(i) Regardless of Phase, this Administrative Order permits and encourages the courts' consideration or resolution of:

(1) matters that can be addressed without a hearing; or

(2) matters requiring a hearing or trial, to the extent that an individual court has the capacity to hear such matters, either in person or on a remote basis, with access to the public as justice requires. Courts shall notify all participants to the proceeding if a matter will go forward. Jury trials, however, shall not proceed until the date established by the *Administrative Order Lifting the Statewide Suspension of Jury Trials and Resuming Grand Juries*, filed May 22, 2020*;* and

(j) This Administrative Order allows the courts to provide services, either remotely or in-person, as appropriate to the Phase, consistent with the recommendations of the CDC, MDH, and local health departments, including, but not limited to, self-help centers, alternative dispute resolution programs, family division services, law libraries, and child care for litigants, witnesses, and those who have business in the court; and

(k) Consistent with the recommendations of the CDC, MDH, and local health departments, any person who seeks entrance to courts and judicial facilities shall be:

(1) subject to COVID-19 screening questions,
(2) subject to non-contact temperature checks where available,
(3) required to wear face masks or coverings,
(4) required to maintain social distancing; and

(l) Any person may be denied entrance to or required to leave a court or judicial facility as a result of the screening process or as a result of refusing to comply with the requirements to wear a face mask or covering, or maintain social distancing:

(1) if, as a result of the screening process, such person shall be provided information regarding alternative means to address the purpose of that person's intended visit to the court, and

(2) if, as a result of refusing to comply with the requirements to wear a face mask or covering, or maintain social distancing, such person shall be required to leave the courthouse or facility; and.

(m) Through Phase IV and pending further order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, in order to achieve the requirements of social distancing, administrative judges may limit the number of people entering the courthouse or a courtroom. The courts shall inform individuals seeking access to the courthouse that access to courtrooms and other court spaces may be limited; and

(n) Regardless of Phase, credentialed press shall be admitted to the courthouse and courtrooms (other than hearings that are closed to the public), subject to

available capacity and in compliance with the guidance of the CDC and MDH; and

(o) Regardless of Phase, personnel shall report to work, in person or remotely, as required by their administrative judges, court administrators, clerks of courts, administrative clerks, and administrative heads of units of the Judiciary. An employee is unable to serve due to illness or otherwise, will be excused consistent with applicable leave policies. Job duties, schedule, and the means of completing assigned work of any and all Judiciary employees may be adjusted or revised as necessary; and

(p) Regardless of Phase, sufficient court personnel shall be available to perform their duties between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday, holidays excepted, with commissioners to follow established schedules; and

(q) Through Phase IV, all incumbent Maryland judges continue to be cross-designated to sit in any trial court in the state of Maryland; and

(r) Regardless of Phase, incumbent judges shall be available, unless on approved leave, to report in person or respond remotely by phone, e-mail or other electronic means, as shall be determined by their administrative judge; and

(s) Phase I Matters, as identified in the Exhibit, shall continue to be scheduled or heard, either in person or remotely.

(t) During the remainder of Phase I and during Phase II, Phase I Matters and Phase II Matters, as identified in the Exhibit, shall be scheduled and heard, if at all possible, before the end of the Phase II period; and

(u) Other than Phase I Matters and Phase II Matters, for all matters currently scheduled to be heard or tried through July 17, 2020:

(1) If a court issued a notice scheduling the matter before March 16, 2020, the matter is hereby postponed or suspended and shall be rescheduled with notices sent by the courts, unless participants have been or are notified that the matter will proceed.

(2) If a court issued a notice scheduling the matter on or after March 16, 2020, the matter shall proceed unless participants are otherwise notified by the court; and

(v) The *Revised Administrative Order on the Emergency Tolling or Suspension of Statutes of Limitations and Statutory and Rules Deadlines Related to the Initiation of Matters and Certain Statutory and Rules Deadlines in Pending Matters*, filed May 22, 2020, issued pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-1003(a)(7), shall control as to statutory and rules deadlines for the initiation of matters and for conducting certain court proceedings, except that the deadline for the scheduling of criminal jury trials shall be governed by the *Administrative Order Lifting the Statewide Suspension of Jury Trials and Resuming Grand Juries,* filed May 22, 2020*;*and

(w) Regardless of Phase, search warrants must be addressed on a 24-hour, 7-day per week basis. Search warrants shall be handled electronically to the greatest extent possible. The administrative judges of the Circuit Courts and the District Court each shall designate a judge responsible to cover search warrant duty for a specified timeframe; and

(x) Application of case time standards shall be governed by the *Administrative Order on Case Time Standards and Related Reports for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 in Light of the COVID-19 Emergency*, filed May 1, 2020; and

(y) The suspension of Maryland Rules 2-507 and 3-507 shall be governed by the *Revised Administrative Order on the Emergency Tolling or Suspension of Statutes of Limitations and Statutory and Rules Deadlines Related to the*

Initiation of Matters and Certain Statutory and Rules Deadlines in Pending Matters, filed May 22, 2020; and

(z) Regardless of Phase, scheduling orders issued by the circuit courts in civil and family law matters and by the appellate courts shall continue to be addressed by motion on a case-by-case basis by the administrative judge, or, in the appellate courts, the Chief Judge, or his or her designee; and

(aa) The Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) continues to be available for electronic filing and is required to be used in all MDEC counties. Through the end of Phase IV, in non-MDEC counties, litigants are permitted to use MDEC for appellate filings pursuant to the *Administrative Order on the Permissive Use of the MDEC System for Appellate Filings*, filed on March 27, 2020; and

(bb) Through Phase IV, in Baltimore City, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties (non-MDEC jurisdictions) only, to the extent that any of these Courts determine to make a virtual drop box available for filings during the COVID-19 emergency period, such drop boxes may be utilized consistent with protocols adopted in an administrative order issued by that Court, announced electronically, and posted on that Court's website; and

(cc) Through Phase IV, for pleadings not required to be filed electronically or where permitted by virtual drop box, filings will be received by mail and may be received via physical drop boxes installed at local courthouses:

(1) Filings subject to the *Revised Administrative Order on the Emergency Tolling or Suspension of Statutes of Limitations and Statutory and Rules Deadlines Related to the Initiation of Matters and Certain Statutory and Rules Deadlines in Pending Matters*, filed May 22, 2020, shall have a filing date as determined by that Order; and

(2) For filings not controlled by the *Revised Administrative Order on the Emergency Tolling or Suspension of Statutes of Limitations and Statutory and Rules Deadlines Related to the Initiation of Matters and Certain Statutory and Rules Deadlines in Pending Matters*, filed May 22, 2020, the date of filings will be considered the date a mailed filing has been postmarked or, if filed via a physical drop box, the previous business day, unless there is a timestamp on the drop box; and

(dd) Clerks of the Circuit Courts, the Court of Special Appeals, the Court of Appeals, and the District Court of Maryland shall continue to process MDEC filings, filings by virtual drop box where permitted, and paper filings with staff working onsite, staff teleworking, or both; and

(ee) The *Fourth Amended Administrative Order on Expanding Statewide Judiciary Restricted Operations Due to the COVID-19 Emergency*, filed on May 4, 2020; shall be and hereby is rescinded effective immediately; and

(ff) To the extent that this Administrative Order conflicts with extant Administrative Orders, local administrative orders or policies, this Administrative Order shall prevail; and

(gg) This Administrative Order will be revised as circumstances warrant.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera

Mary Ellen Barbera
Chief Judge
Court of Appeals of Maryland

Filed: May 22, 2020

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/s/ Suzanne C. Johnson
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EXHIBIT TO THE MAY 22, 2020 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON THE PROGRESSIVE RESUMPTION OF FULL FUNCTION OF JUDICIARY OPERATIONS PREVIOUSLY RESTRICTED DUE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

PHASE I: March 16, 2020 through 4:59 PM, June 5, 2020

A. All matters identified in Paragraph B, as well as those emergency matters identified in Paragraph C that the administrative judge or his or her designee determines must be heard in person or can be heard with remote electronic participation, are defined as "Phase I Matters."

B. The following emergency and urgent matters shall be scheduled or heard, either in person or remotely. The court shall notify all participants necessary to the proceeding:

(1) In the Court of Appeals:

(A) certain election law matters

(B) certain petitions for Writs of Mandamus

(C) certain certified questions of law

(D) quarantine and isolation matters

(2) In the Court of Special Appeals:

(A) requests for injunctive relief pending appeal

(B) appeals in cases in which a lack of action would result in a dispositive outcome

(C) appeals from quarantine and isolation petitions

(3) In the Circuit Courts:

(A) bail reviews/bench warrants

(B) arraignments for detained defendants

(C) juvenile detention hearings

(D) juvenile shelter care hearings

(E) peace order petitions (juvenile respondents)

(F) emergency evaluation petitions

(G) quarantine and isolation petitions

(H) extradition cases

(I) body attachments

(J) extreme risk protective order appeals

(4) In the District Court:

(A) bail reviews/bench warrants

(B) emergency evaluation petitions

(C) quarantine and isolation violations

(D) body attachments

(5) District Court Commissioners shall handle the following matters:

(A) new extreme risk protective order petitions

(B) new domestic violence protective petitions (adult respondents)

(C) new peace order petitions (adult respondents)

(D) initial appearances

(E) applications for statement of charges

(F) acceptance of bail bonds

(G) bench warrant satisfactions

C. For all other emergency matters, including those listed below, the administrative judge or his or her designee shall review the petition, determine whether it must be heard in person, or can be heard with remote electronic participation, or can be scheduled after the emergency period has ended, or can be resolved without a hearing, including, but not limited to:

(1) CINA matters, consistent with FCCIP Subcommittee of the Maryland Judicial Council recommendations of April 3, 2020

(2) emergency delinquency hearings, including motions related to juveniles who are detained, committed pending placement, or committed, consistent with the *Administrative Order Guiding the Response of the Circuit Courts Sitting as Juvenile Courts to the COVID-19 Emergency as It Relates to Those Juveniles who are Detained, Committed Pending Placement, or in Commitments*, filed April 13, 2020

(3) emergency Habeas Corpus petitions

(4) emergency issues in guardianship matters

(5) domestic violence protective orders

(6) appeals from peace orders

(7) family law emergencies, including time urgent matters related to special juvenile immigrant status

(8) temporary restraining orders

(9) criminal competency matters

(10) motions regarding:

i. extreme risk protective orders

ii. domestic violence protective orders

iii. peace orders

(11) contempt hearings related to peace or protective orders

(12) matters involving locally incarcerated defendants, consistent with the *Administrative Order Guiding the Response of the Trial Courts of Maryland to the COVID-19 Emergency as It Relates to Those Persons who are Incarcerated or Imprisoned,* filed April 14, 2020.

PHASE II: 5:00 PM, June 5, 2020, through July19, 2020

Phase II represents an expansion of matters that can be heard by courts both remotely and on-site. Phase II shall include Phase I Matters, as well as matters that must be prioritized as listed on pages 4 through 9 of this Exhibit (collectively, the "Phase II Matters"). To the extent that Phase II Matters may be handled remotely, courts are encouraged to do so. For any proceeding that will be held during Phase II, the court shall notify all participants necessary to the proceeding.

COURT OF APPEALS

Fully operational. All matters within the appellate jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals, with hearings occurring remotely. All matters related to the Court of Appeals' regulatory authority over the practice of law and judicial conduct, with hearings occurring remotely. Approval and promulgation of the rules of practice and procedure in the Maryland state courts.

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PHASE II: CIRCUIT COURTS

In addition to PHASE I Matters:

CIVIL:

(1) emergency evaluation petitions

(2) quarantine and isolation petitions

(3) emergency Habeas Corpus petitions

(4) body attachments

(5) temporary restraining orders

(6) scheduling conferences

(7) status conferences

(8) on the record appeals

(9) matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

CRIMINAL:

(1) bail reviews, bail reconsiderations, and bench warrants including matters involving locally incarcerated defendants, consistent with the *Administrative Order Guiding the Response of the Trial Courts of Maryland to the COVID-19 Emergency as It Relates to Those Persons who are Incarcerated or Imprisoned*, filed April 14, 2020

(2) arraignments for detained defendants

(3) extradition cases

(4) matters addressing competency; criminal responsibility issues not requiring witness testimony status; and discovery and Hicks issues

(5) deferred sentencing – for non-incarcerated defendants

(6) plea agreements without recommendations for sentences of incarceration; deferred sentence matters; and motions that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

PHASE II: CIRCUIT COURTS (cont.)

FAMILY:

(1) scheduling conferences

(2) status conferences

(3) uncontested divorces and other uncontested family law matters

(4) domestic violence protective orders

(5) domestic violence, peace, and extreme risk protective order appeals

(6) family law emergencies that have been determined to require an expedited hearing, including time urgent matters related to special juvenile immigrant status

(7) emergency issues in guardianship matters

(8) temporary restraining orders

(9) default hearings

(10) exceptions hearings not requiring witness testimony (uncontested or consented to or requiring legal argument only)

(11) matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

JUVENILE COURT:

CINA (DEPENDENCY):
with priority scheduling for those juveniles turning 21 within 90 days of the beginning of Phase II

(1) shelter care hearings

(2) CINA matters, including, if not contested and/or by proffer, adjudications, dispositions, permanency plan, and permanency plan reviews

(3) Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) by consent and/or by proffer

(4) exceptions hearings (uncontested or consented to or requiring legal argument only)

(5) Family Treatment/Recovery Court review hearings

(6) guardianships under juvenile causes

(7) adoptions concerning CINA and TPR juveniles

(8) matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

PHASE II: CIRCUIT COURTS (cont.)

JUVENILE (DELINQUENCY):
with priority scheduling for those juveniles: turning 21 within 90 days of the beginning of Phase II; returning from placement; with issues with permanency plans; closures of cases; and possible placement on the juvenile and or adult sexual offender registries

(1) juvenile detention hearings

(2) peace order petitions (juvenile respondents only)

(3) arraignments and first appearances

(4) emergency delinquency hearings, including motions related to juveniles who are detained, committed pending placement, or committed, consistent with the *Administrative Order Guiding the Response of the Circuit Courts Sitting as Juvenile Courts to the COVID-19 Emergency as It Relates to Those Juveniles who are Detained, Committed Pending Placement, or in Commitments,* filed April 13, 2020

(5) adjudication with agreed to-plea and/or by proffer

(6) disposition with consent and/or by proffer

(7) disposition reviews

(8) delinquency juvenile treatment plans and reviews

(9) closure of probation and jurisdiction of Juvenile Court not requiring testimony

(10) juvenile expungements not requiring testimony

(11) juvenile permanency plans and reviews, if not contested or by proffer or both

(12) juvenile waivers, if consented to and not requiring testimony

(13) exceptions hearings not requiring witness testimony (uncontested or consented to or requiring legal argument only)

(14) matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS:
including drug, mental health, family/dependency recovery, DUI, veterans', juvenile drug, and truancy courts

Any other matters that can be scheduled, heard, or resolved in accordance with Section (i) of the *Administrative Order on the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of Judiciary Operations Previously Restricted Due to the COVID-19 Emergency*, filed May 22, 2020, are encouraged to be taken up by the circuit courts during Phase II.

PHASE II: DISTRICT COURT

In addition to PHASE I Matters:

CRIMINAL & TRAFFIC:

(1) bail reviews and bail reconsiderations, bench warrants including matters involving locally incarcerated defendants, consistent with the *Administrative Order Guiding the Response of the Trial Courts of Maryland to the COVID-19 Emergency as It Relates to Those Persons who are Incarcerated or Imprisoned*, filed April 14, 2020.

(2) guilty pleas, with deferral of incarceration start date considered

(3) hearings on petitions for mental health evaluations and competency to stand trial

(4) preliminary hearings with a proposed resolution, no testimony required

CIVIL:

(1) emergency evaluation petitions

(2) quarantine and isolation violation petitions

(3) body attachments

(4) temporary and final domestic violence, peace, and extreme risk protective orders

(5) temporary restraining orders

LANDLORD/TENANT:

(1) emergency breach of lease involving threats or injury to people or property

(2) emergency wrongful detainer actions

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS:
including drug, mental health, DUI, veterans', re-entry courts and dockets

Any other matters that can be scheduled, heard, or resolved in accordance with Section (i) of the *Administrative Order on the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of Judiciary Operations Previously Restricted Due to the COVID-19 Emergency*, filed May 22, 2020, are encouraged to be taken up by the District Court during Phase II.

PHASE II: DISTRICT COURT (cont.)

DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS shall continue to handle the following matters:

(1) new extreme risk protective order petitions

(2) new domestic violence protective petitions (adult respondents)

(3) new peace order petitions (adult respondents)

(4) initial appearances

(5) applications for statement of charges

(6) acceptance of bail bonds

(7) bench warrant satisfactions

PHASE III: July 20, 2020, through August 30, 2020

In Phase III, courts will schedule and hold a broader range of matters, including certain criminal trials in the District Court, with limited in-person services to be offered as determined by the administrative judge and posted electronically and in the court facility. Phase III shall include Phase II Matters and shall be, collectively, "Phase III Matters." To the extent that Phase III Matters may be handled remotely, courts are encouraged to do so. For any proceeding that will be held during Phase III, the court shall notify all participants necessary to the proceeding

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PHASE III: CIRCUIT COURTS

In addition to PHASE II Matters:

CIVIL:

(1) motions requiring witness testimony

(2) settlement hearings

(3) attorney disciplinary proceedings

CRIMINAL:

(1) motions

(2) expungements

(3) violation of probation hearings

(4) non-jury trials

(5) jury prayer status hearings

(6) sentencings previously deferred

FAMILY:

(1) resume handling of temporary domestic violence protective order petitions during court hours

(2) motions requiring witness testimony

(3) pendente lite hearings

(4) contempt proceedings

(5) adoptions

(6) guardianship – non-emergency

(7) child support matters: establishment

(8) settlement hearings

(9) court-ordered mediations

PHASE III: CIRCUIT COURTS (cont.)

JUVENILE COURT:

CINA (DEPENDENCY)

(1) all matters and motions that are contested and/or requiring testimony

(2) CINA adjudications, dispositions, permanency plans, permanency plan reviews

(3) exceptions hearings requiring witness testimony

(4) contested TPR proceedings

JUVENILE (DELINQUENCY)

(1) all matters that are contested and/or requiring testimony

(2) adjudication

(3) disposition and disposition reviews

(4) closure of probation and jurisdiction of Juvenile Court

(5) motions

(6) juvenile expungements

(7) juvenile permanency plan and permanency plan reviews

(8) juvenile and adult sex offender registration matters

(9) waiver hearings, including to and from Juvenile Court

(10) exceptions hearings

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS, including drug, mental health, family/dependency recovery, DUI, veterans', juvenile drug, and truancy courts

Any other matters that can be scheduled, heard, or resolved in accordance with Section (i) of the *Administrative Order on the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of Judiciary Operations Previously Restricted Due to the COVID-19 Emergency,* filed May 22, 2020, are encouraged to be taken up by the circuit courts during Phase III.

PHASE III: DISTRICT COURT

In addition to PHASE II Matters:

CRIMINAL & TRAFFIC:

(1) trials for incarcerated defendants, other criminal cases alleging violent acts, alcohol-related motor vehicle matters.

(2) preliminary hearings

(3) begin scheduling minor traffic matters for dockets beginning August 31, 2020, including previously postponed matters

CIVIL:

(1) begin scheduling civil matters, including trials, for dockets beginning August 31, 2020, including previously postponed matters

(2) resume handling of temporary domestic violence protective, peace, and extreme risk protective order petitions during court hours

LANDLORD/TENANT:

(1) rent escrow actions, provided local departments of health are able to provide inspection

(2) tenant holding over actions

(3) warrants of restitution

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS:
including drug, mental health, DUI, veterans', re-entry courts and dockets

Any other matters that can be scheduled, heard, or resolved in accordance with Section (i) of the *Administrative Order on the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of Judiciary Operations Previously Restricted Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, filed May 22, 2020*, are encouraged to be taken up by the District Court during Phase III.

DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS:

(1) interim domestic violence protective, peace, and extreme risk protective order petitions, after regular court hours

(2) continued acceptance of circuit court bail bonds through PHASE IV

PHASE IV: August 31, 2020, through October 4, 2020

In Phase IV, courts will resume non-jury trials and contested hearings in criminal, civil, family, and juvenile matters. Courts will schedule and hold a broader range of matters, with limited in-person services to be offered as determined by the administrative judge and posted electronically and in the court facility. Phase IV shall include Phase III Matters as well as matters listed on pages 14 through 16 of this Exhibit, and shall be collectively, "Phase IV Matters." To the extent that Phase IV Matters may be handled remotely, courts are encouraged to do so. For any proceeding that will be held during Phase IV, the court shall notify all participants necessary to the proceeding.

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COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

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PHASE IV: CIRCUIT COURTS

In addition to PHASE III Matters:

CIVIL:

Non-jury trials and de novo appeals

CRIMINAL:

(1) post-conviction hearings

(2) three (3) judge panel sentence reviews

FAMILY:

(1) hearings and trials

(2) child support contempt hearings

JUVENILE COURT:

JUVENILE (DELINQUENCY): Fully operational

CINA (DEPENDENCY): Fully operational

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS: Fully operational

Any other matters that can be scheduled, heard, or resolved in accordance with Section (i) of the *Administrative Order on the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of Judiciary Operations Previously Restricted Due to the COVID-19 Emergency*, filed May 22, 2020, are encouraged to be taken up by the circuit courts during Phase IV.

PHASE IV: DISTRICT COURT

In addition to PHASE III Matters:

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC/CIVIL CITATIONS:

(1) All criminal matters

(2) Minor traffic matters

(3) Schedule dockets beginning October 5, 2020, for parking, red light, speed camera, school bus, toll/MTA, and other civil citations, including previously postponed matters

CIVIL: all civil matters

LANDLORD/TENANT: failure to pay rent cases

PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS: fully operational

DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS:

(1) fully operational, and

(2) continued acceptance of circuit court bail bonds through Phase IV

PHASE V: October 5, 2020, forward

In Phase V, all courts will resume full operations, including jury trials in criminal and civil case types in the circuit courts. To the extent that PHASE V Matters may be handled remotely, courts are encouraged to do so.

COURT OF APPEALS: Fully operational.

COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS: Fully operational.

CIRCUIT COURTS: Fully operational, including jury trials in criminal and civil case types in the circuit courts.

DISTRICT COURT: Fully operational.