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THIRD REVISED COMMUNICATION REGARDING AFFIDAVIT JUDGMENTS IN THE DISTRICT COURT

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The District Court is currently in Phase II operations. As a result, the District Court will not process any Affidavit Judgments that were set or have occurred since November 30, 2020, until such time as the District Court is authorized to expand emergency operations. Any Affidavit Judgment entered on a case with a trial date or affidavit judgment date of November 30, 2020 or after shall be vacated by the court. A motion to vacate judgment filed regarding an Affidavit Judgment entered by the court during this time shall be treated as an emergency matter and heard by the Court in an expedited manner. Courts are offering remote hearings by video or phone. If a party is interested in appearing remotely, they should contact the clerk of the court where the action is pending. When the District Court is authorized to expand emergency operations, such cases will be scheduled for affidavit judgment with notice to all parties. Nothing in this communication limits the ability of any District Court to conduct civil proceedings provided such proceedings are consistent with this communication and the *Sixth Administrative Order Restricting Statewide Judiciary Operations Due to the COVID-19 Emergency (the "Operations Order").*