

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF WINCHESTER

**ORDER CANCELLING APRIL 2020 MOTIONS DAY**

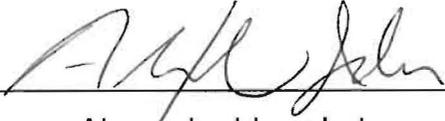
By orders entered on March 16, 2020 and March 27, 2020, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia declared a judicial emergency in all circuit courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia through April 26, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 emergency. The order may be extended for additional periods pursuant to statute. Virginia schools K-12, colleges, and universities are closed for the rest of the academic year. The Governor of Virginia has issued public health emergency orders closing non-essential businesses, banning all gatherings of more than 10 people, and restricting Virginians to their homes except for enumerated activities through June 10, 2020. The Court has concern for the witnesses, court personnel, counsel, and litigants who may become infected should the April motions day go forward on April 27, 2020.

Accordingly, it is ADJUDGED AND ORDERED that:

1. The April 2020 Motions Day of this Court, scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2020, is CANCELLED;
2. If a case was previously scheduled for the March or April Motions Day, unless the case has been specifically moved to the May Motions Day by order of the Court, a new praecipe or notice of hearing WILL be needed for the May Motions Day docket;
3. For emergency hearings or cases taking precedence on the docket, a request for hearing may be emailed to the Winchester Clerk's Office with case information and an explanation for the request. The request will be forwarded to the Judge who will use his discretion in determining if the matter needs to be set prior to the May 21, 2020 Motions Day. Emails should be directed to William Gardner at [wgardner@vacourts.gov](mailto:wgardner@vacourts.gov) or Cristie Cuthrell at [ccuthrell@vacourts.gov](mailto:ccuthrell@vacourts.gov).

The Clerk is directed to post a copy of this order, to distribute it to the members of the Winchester-Frederick County Bar, and to send a copy to the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of this Circuit.

ENTER this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2020

  
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Alexander Iden, Judge