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NOTICE TO NCBA MEMBERS – BAR NEWS

NCBA Notice

Due to the Coronavirus the NCBA Office is closed until further notice. We are continuing our work from home, including work on the N.C. Reporter, ARIS appointments and working on either cancelling or rescheduling our events.

If you are sending in legal advertisements for the Reporter, please e-mail them to reporter@norcobar.org. It is difficult picking up our mail and faxes in the office.

You may send any questions to the same e-mail address or to ncba@norcobar.org.

Supreme Court Committee Vacancies

There are currently three vacancies on a Pennsylvania Supreme Court committee and they have been posted on the UJS website: www.pacourts.us/courts/supreme-court/committees/

The three positions available are all on the Civil Procedural Rules Committee.

Applications are due by April 30.

NCBA E-mail Notices

All Court Orders and other notices are being forwarded to all our NCBA members. If you have not been receiving them by e-mail from Mary Beth Leeson (marybeth@norcobar.org), then you should be checking your spam, allowing e-mails from the e-mail listed above or, we do not have an e-mail address for you. If we do not have your e-mail address and you would like to be kept up to date on any notices from the Court or the Bar Association, e-mail your address to marybeth@norcobar.org.

Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking. ~ Marcus Aurelius

ESTATE AND TRUST NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that, in the estates of the decedents set forth below, the Register of Wills has granted letters testamentary or of administration to the persons named. Notice is also hereby given of the existence of the trusts of the deceased settlors set forth below for whom no personal representatives have been appointed within 90 days of death. All persons having claims or demands against said estates or trusts are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to said estates or trusts are requested to make payment, without delay, to the executors or administrators or trustees or to their attorneys named below.

FIRST PUBLICATION**DULICK, WILLIAM J.,** dec'd.

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NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the

purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Incorporation of a proposed business corporation to be organized under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, P.L. 1444, No. 177, as amended.

The name of the corporation is:

225 ERDMAN, INC.

Apr. 9

**LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Certificate of Organization has been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of obtaining a Certificate of Organization for a Limited Liability Company organized under the provisions of Title 15, Corporations and Unincorporated Associations at 15 Pa. C.S.A. 8901 et seq., approved December 7, 1994, P.L. 703, No. 106(4).

The name of the Domestic Limited Liability Company is:

**ARTHOFFER TOWING &
TRANSPORT, LLC**

The Certificate of Organization has been filed on March 30, 2020.

RICHARD H. YETTER, III, ESQUIRE
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Easton, PA 18045

Apr. 9

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 6, 2020, the Petition of Rachele Alison Louise Grenon was filed in Northampton County Court of Common Pleas at No. C-48-CV-2020-002015, seeking to change the name of Petitioner from Rachele Alison Louise Grenon to Alison Louise Grenon. The Court has fixed May 12,

2020 in Courtroom No. 4 at Northampton County Courthouse, 669 Washington St., Easton, PA 18042 as the time and date for the hearing on said Petition, when and where all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why the prayer of the Petitioner should not be granted.

Apr. 9

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS OF NORTHAMPTON
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
CIVIL ACTION—LAW**

DONALD GOSS and
SUSAN GOSS, husband and wife,
1920 Hoops Lane, Easton,
Pennsylvania 18040

Plaintiffs

vs.

STEPHEN M. HLUSHACK,
7231 Kingston Drive,
Slatington, Pennsylvania 18080 and
DUANE HOFFMAN,
134 West Zimmer Road,
Walnutport, Pennsylvania 18088

Defendants

NO. 2019-CV-12197

NOTICE

You have been sued in Court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this Complaint and Notice are served by entering a written appearance, personally or by attorney,

and filing, in writing, with the Court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so, the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice for any money claimed in the Complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property, or other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO, OR TELEPHONE, THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER.

IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

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Apr. 9

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION—LAW**

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE : No.: C-48-AD-57-2020
ORDER 2020-12 :
Pa.R.J.A. 1952—JUDICIAL :
EMERGENCY :

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AND NOW, this 30th day of March, 2020, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Order dated March 16, 2020 declaring a general, statewide judicial emergency until April 14, 2020 in order to limit the risk of exposure to Coronavirus (COVID-19) to the public, this Court's Declaration of a judicial emergency in the Third Judicial District through April 14, 2020, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Order dated March 18, 2020 stating that the Courts of Pennsylvania are "**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**," and pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1952, it is hereby **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Except as set forth below, the Northampton County Court of Common Pleas shall remain **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC** through April 14, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.
2. The Sheriff of Northampton County shall only allow entry to court facilities, which are under the direction and control of the President Judge, to members of the press, attorneys, parties, and witnesses for the proceedings set forth below in paragraph 3.
3. Courtroom 9 of the Northampton County Courthouse will remain open during Court business hours as an "Essential Services Court." The President Judge of the Northampton County Court of Common Pleas is assigned to **solely** preside over the Essential Services Court to handle all of the following proceedings:
 - a. guilty plea hearings for incarcerated defendants;
 - b. sentencing hearings for incarcerated defendants;
 - c. Gagnon I hearings;

- d. motions for bail modification for incarcerated defendants awaiting hearings for Gagnon II parole, probation, and intermediate punishment revocation hearings;
- e. petition for parole hearings;
- f. applications for search warrants and arrest warrants;
- g. bail modification and revocation hearings;
- h. bench warrant hearings for criminal and domestic relations matters;
- i. petitions for emergency guardian of the person or estate of an incapacitated person pursuant to 20 Pa.C.S.A. § 5513;
- j. actions for emergency child protective services by the Northampton County Division of Children, Youth, and Families;
- k. juvenile emergency shelter and detention hearings;
- l. petitions for emergency child custody pursuant to Pa.R.C.P. 1915.4, where there is an immediate danger to the safety, health, or well-being of the child;
- m. preliminary injunction proceedings where the moving party can establish a threat of irreparable harm, in which case, before appearing in Court, the moving party shall email a .pdf copy of the motion together with a memorandum of law in accordance with Northampton County Local Rule N210 to the Office of Court Administration (jgreene@nccpa.org), and thereafter, the Court Administrator will contact the parties and inform them whether the President Judge has approved an emergency hearing in the matter;
- n. any pleading or motion relating to public health concerns and involving immediate and irreparable harm;
- o. complaints and hearings for indirect criminal contempt of a protection from abuse order;
- p. emergency petitions for protection from abuse;

- q. emergency petitions for protection from elder abuse; and
 - r. emergency petitions for protection of victims of sexual violence or intimidation.
4. The hearings set forth in paragraph 3(a)-(n) may be conducted via two-way simultaneous audio-visual communication with Courtroom 9 by using Polycom video conferencing. Attorneys and parties may participate by downloading the Polycom RealPresence free app from Google Play for Android devices at [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.polycom.cmad.mobile.android.phone&hl=en_US] or from the Apple App Store for all Apple devices at [<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/polycom-realpresence-mobile-hd/id465412616>].
5. Attorneys and parties who wish to participate by using Polycom RealPresence shall contact the Office of Court Administration (jgreene@nccpa.org or 610-829-6700) to receive approval for participation via Polycom RealPresence and to obtain the IP address sign-in information for the scheduled hearing. Members of the press may view the proceedings in Courtroom 9 or by using the Polycom RealPresence app for Androids or Apple devices.
6. In order to limit the risk of exposure to Coronavirus (COVID-19) to the public, and pursuant to this Court's Declaration of a judicial emergency in the Third Judicial District and the mandate of Pennsylvania Rule of Judicial Administration 1952(B)(2) to "take necessary action to provide for the ... safety of court personnel, court users and the public ...," it is hereby **ORDERED** that:
- a. during the effective period of this Order, all court cases previously assigned to any other Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, or any of the administrative judges of any of the divisions of the Court of Common Pleas, shall be reassigned to the President Judge; and

- b. unless specifically assigned by written Order of Court issued and filed by the President Judge, all other Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, and all administrative judges of any of the divisions of the Court of Common Pleas, shall not conduct any of the proceedings set forth in paragraph 3 above, and shall not conduct any other type of proceeding or hearing.
- 7. To the extent not prohibited by the Governor's March 19, 2020 Order closing all non-life-sustaining businesses, including all law offices except for legal services with respect to an essential judicial service as defined by the President Judge of a Judicial District, all uncontested motions and agreed-upon, stipulated orders may be submitted by email to the Office of Court Administration (jgreene@nccpa.org) and will be signed by the President Judge and filed by the Office of Court Administration.
- 8. To the extent not prohibited by the Governor's March 19, 2020 Order closing all non-life-sustaining businesses, including all law offices except for legal services with respect to an essential judicial service as defined by the President Judge of a Judicial District, a party or attorney who must present a contested motion or petition to the Court prior to April 15, 2020, which is not specifically set forth in Paragraph 3 above as an essential judicial service, shall:
 - a. email a .pdf copy of the motion together with a memorandum of law in accordance with Northampton County Local Rule N210 to the Office of Court Administration (jgreene@nccpa.org);
 - b. serve the motion and memorandum of law upon the opposing party and attorney of record by email, by first class mail, and by certified mail, return receipt requested, restricted delivery, with a statement to the opposing party and attorney that the opposing party and attorney must, within five days of receipt, email a .pdf copy of the motion

together with a memorandum of law in accordance with Northampton County Local Rule N210 to the Office of Court Administration (jgreene@nccpa.org); and

- c. if the motion or petition requires testimony, the parties shall arrange for depositions and submit a .pdf copy of the depositions to the Office of Court Administration (jgreene@nccpa.org).

The Court will thereafter decide the motion and issue an order.

9. Except as set forth below, the Northampton County Magisterial District Courts shall remain **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC** through April 14, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.
10. During “normal business hours” as that term is defined in Northampton County Administrative Order 2007-3, each Magisterial District Court shall only allow entry to the Magisterial District Court facilities to: (1) members of the press; (2) attorneys, police officers, and witnesses for a preliminary hearing of an incarcerated defendant (all preliminary hearings for all defendants who are not in prison are continued to a date after April 14, 2020); and (3) law enforcement officers for the filing and subsequent processing of criminal, summary criminal, and non-traffic cases. Preliminary hearings of incarcerated defendants before Magisterial District Judges may be conducted via two-way simultaneous audio-visual communication with the Magisterial District Court by using Polycom video conferencing. Attorneys and parties may participate by downloading the Polycom RealPresence free app from Google Play for Android devices at [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.polycom.cmad.mobile.android.phone&hl=en_US] or from the Apple App Store for all Apple devices at [<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/polycom-realpresence-mobile-hd/id465412616>].
11. Attorneys and parties who wish to participate by using Polycom RealPresence shall contact the Magisterial

- District Judge to receive approval for participation via Polycom RealPresence and to obtain the IP address sign-in information for the scheduled hearing. Members of the press may view the proceedings in the Magisterial District Court or by using the Polycom RealPresence app for Androids or Apple devices.
12. Payments of fines and costs for summary criminal, traffic, and non-traffic cases pending before a Magisterial District Judge shall only be made online at [<https://ujportal.pacourts.us/PayOnline.aspx>].
 13. Landlords may mail requests to the Magisterial District Judge for orders of possession and orders for eviction with a check for the required filing fee. Private criminal complaints and civil complaints may be mailed to the Magisterial District Judge with a check for the required filing fee.
 14. All preliminary arraignments by Magisterial District Judges, regardless of whether the arrest is made during “normal business hours” or “at times other than normal business hours” as those terms are defined in Northampton County Administrative Order 2007-3, shall be conducted pursuant to paragraph 4(A) of Northampton County Administrative Order 2007-3.
 15. All applications for arrest and search warrants to Magisterial District Judges, and the issuance thereof by Magisterial District Judges, regardless of whether the application is made during “normal business hours” or “at times other than normal business hours” as those terms are defined in Northampton County Administrative Order 2007-3, shall be conducted pursuant to paragraph 8 of Northampton County Administrative Order 2007-3.
 16. All emergency petitions and hearings for protection from abuse, protection from elder abuse, and protection of victims of sexual violence or intimidation, which are presented between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and “at times other than normal business hours” as that term is defined in Northampton County Administrative Order 2007-3,

shall be conducted by Magisterial District Judges pursuant to paragraph 9 of Northampton County Administrative Order 2007-3. Complaints for indirect criminal contempt of protection from abuse, protection from elder abuse, and protection of victims of sexual violence or intimidation orders, which are presented between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and “at times other than normal business hours” as that term is defined in Northampton County Administrative Order 2007-3, shall be processed by Magisterial District Judges pursuant to paragraph 9 of Northampton County Administrative Order 2007-3.

17. During “normal business hours” as that term is defined in Northampton County Administrative Order 2007-3, each Magisterial District Judge shall conduct the proceedings set forth in paragraphs 14 through 15 of this Order which occur in his/her Magisterial District.
18. “At times other than normal business hours” as that term is defined in Northampton County Administrative Order 2007-3, the Magisterial District Judge who is temporarily assigned as the issuing authority for all Magisterial Districts in the Third Judicial District pursuant to the December 16, 2019 Order of Court, shall conduct both (1) the proceedings set forth in paragraphs 14 through 15 of this Order; and (2) **all** proceedings set forth in paragraph 16 of this Order.

It is further **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The requirements in Northampton County Administrative Order 2020-5, directing that Magisterial District Judges provide requested case records to the public or press, shall apply to all proceedings in paragraphs 14 through 15 of this Order, regardless of whether the proceeding occurs during “normal business hours” or “at times other than normal business hours” as those terms are defined in Northampton County Administrative Order 2007-3. Members of the press may view the proceedings in paragraph 14 of this Order

- by using the Polycom RealPresence app for Androids or Apple devices.
2. Nothing in this Order amends or changes the terms of paragraph 4(A) of Northampton County Administrative Order 2015-9.
 3. To the extent this Order conflicts with Administrative Order 2020-9, this Order shall govern.
 4. The provisions of this Order in paragraphs 4 and 10, allowing proceedings to be conducted via two-way simultaneous audiovisual communication by using the Polycom RealPresence app for Android and Apple devices, are effective immediately through April 14, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. All other provisions of this Order shall become effective on April 3, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. and shall expire on April 14, 2020 at 4:30 p.m., unless extended by further Order of Court.

BY THE COURT:

/s/Michael J. Koury, Jr.

MICHAEL J. KOURY, JR.
PRESIDENT JUDGE

Apr. 9

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
WESTERN DISTRICT**

IN RE: GENERAL STATEWIDE : Nos. 531 and 532
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY : Judicial
: Administration
: Docket

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 1st day of April, 2020, pursuant to Rule of Judicial Administration 1952(A) and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's constitutionally-conferred general supervisory and administrative authority over all courts and magisterial district judges, *see* PA. CONST. art. V, §10(a), this Court **DIRECTS** that the general, statewide judicial emergency declared in this Court's Order of March 16, 2020, is **EXTENDED** through April 30, 2020, and all Pennsylvania courts **SHALL REMAIN** generally **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC** through April 30, 2020, subject to the General and Specific Directives and Exceptions set forth in this Court's Order of March 18, 2020, as modified and supplemented herein.

The Court further explains and **DIRECTS** as follows:

On March 16, 2020, in light of the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this Court deemed it necessary to declare a general, statewide judicial emergency to enable the Pennsylvania Judiciary to consider—on a district-by-district basis—the appropriate measures to be taken to safeguard the health and safety of court personnel, court users, and members of the public. Via separate Order, President Judges of the intermediate appellate courts were afforded authority to implement emergency measures as well.

On March 18, 2020, at the behest of Pennsylvania's Secretary of Health, the Court issued an order directing that all Pennsylvania courts are generally closed to the public through at least April 3, 2020, subject to certain General and Specific Directives and Exceptions designed, *inter alia*, to ensure the continuation of the courts' essential functions consistent with public health guidance provided

by the executive branch. On March 24, 2020, the Court issued a Supplemental Order expanding the non-exclusive list of essential functions to include commencement of a civil action, by *praecipe* for a writ of summons, for purposes of tolling a statute of limitations.

Yesterday afternoon, the Secretary of Health urged the Supreme Court to extend the statewide closure of the courts, except for essential services, for a period of approximately one additional month to further restrict the amount of person-to-person contact and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Accordingly, the temporary, general closure of the Pennsylvania courts to the public SHALL REMAIN IN PLACE through April 30, 2020, subject to the General and Specific Directives and Exceptions set forth in the March 18 Order, subject to the modifications and clarifications set forth below.

In addition, President Judges are AUTHORIZED to declare judicial emergencies in their judicial districts through May 31, 2020, or for part of that period, should they deem it appropriate based on local conditions for the protection of the health and safety of court personnel, court users, and others. Such declarations, as well as all local orders and directives, SHALL BE FILED with the Prothonotary for the Supreme Court in the Eastern, Western, or Middle District Office, as appropriate for the particular local judicial district. For convenience, such materials may be transmitted via electronic mail to: Irene.Bizzoso@pacourts.us.

Time Limitations and Deadlines

Unless otherwise indicated herein or in the March 18 Order, all time calculations for purposes of time computation relevant to court cases or other judicial business, as well as time deadlines, ARE NOW SUSPENDED through April 30, 2020, subject to additional orders. This suspension SHALL OVERLAP with suspensions already granted by any President Judge, and any longer suspensions directed by an appellate or local court shall remain extant on their own

terms. In all events, any legal papers or pleadings which are required to be filed between March 19, 2020, and April 30, 2020, SHALL BE DEEMED to have been timely filed if they are filed by May 1, 2020, or on a later date as permitted by the appellate or local court in question.

Statutes of Limitations

This Court's Order of March 24, 2020, expanding the list of essential functions of courts to include acceptance of a *praecipe* for a writ of summons, for purposes of tolling a statute of limitations, SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT through April 30, 2020. Additionally, if a court of original jurisdiction is closed to filings, the alternative mechanism for filing of an emergency *praecipe* in the Superior Court shall remain in place, as set forth in the March 24, 2020 Order.

Children's Fast Track Appeals

This Court's "Order Regarding Alternative Filing Procedure for Children's Fast Track Appeals," dated March 27, 2020, SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT through at least April 30, 2020. This Order approved the Superior Court's provision for the filing of emergency filing of children's fast track appeals upon a certification that filing in the court of original jurisdiction is impractical due to the closure of court facilities.

Advanced Communication Technology

The Court continues to specifically AUTHORIZE AND ENCOURAGE use of advanced communication technology to conduct court proceedings, subject only to constitutional limitations. Advanced communication technology includes, but is not limited to: systems providing for two-way simultaneous communication of image and sound; closed-circuit television; telephone and facsimile equipment; and electronic mail. *See* Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(A)(2)(e) & comment (citing Rule of Criminal Procedure 103 for the definition of advanced communication technology).

Courts of Common Pleas

As previously prescribed, any in-person hearings pertaining to essential functions SHALL BE HELD in courtrooms designated by the individual courts of common pleas to minimize person-to-person contact.

Per the March 18 Order, unless otherwise required therein, any in-person pretrial conference, case management conference, status conference, diversionary program, discovery motions practice, motions practice or other hearing, whether civil or criminal, were postponed until a future date to be set forth by the courts. The Court further directed that, to the extent that such matters could be handled through advanced communication technology consistent with constitutional limitations, they may and should proceed. The effect of these directives is now EXTENDED through April 30, 2020, unless a President Judge should direct otherwise upon sufficient notice.

The Court NOW CLARIFIES that it expects that non-essential matters can continue to move forward, within the sound discretion of President Judges, so long as judicial personnel, attorneys, and other individuals can and do act in conformity with orders and guidance issued by the executive branch. Here again, the Court continues to specifically AUTHORIZE AND ENCOURAGE use of advanced communication technology, subject only to constitutional limitations.

Jurors SHALL NOT REPORT for jury duty through April 30, 2020.

Magisterial District Courts, Philadelphia Municipal Court, Philadelphia Arraignment Court Magistrates and Pittsburgh Municipal Court, Arraignment Division

All Magisterial District Courts, Philadelphia Municipal Court, Philadelphia Arraignment Court and Pittsburgh Municipal Court, Arraignment Division, SHALL REMAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC, except for essential functions, and subject to the additional Directives and Exceptions set

forth in this Court's March 18 Order, including modifications to the regimen for the acceptance of payments

Guidance to Legal Professionals

Guidance has been provided by the executive branch explaining that members of the legal profession “may continue physical operations ... as required to allow attorneys to participate in court functions deemed essential by a president judge per the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's order of March 18, 2020, or similar federal court directive, and lawyers may access their offices to effectuate such functions and directives.” MARCH 24, 2020—INDUSTRY OPERATION GUIDANCE, *Uploaded by Governor Tom Wolf*, <https://www.scribd.com/document/452553026/UPDATED-2-30pm-March-24-2020-Industry-Operation-Guidance> (last visited April 1, 2020).

Paragraph 13 of the Governor's Frequently Asked Questions additionally advises that businesses that are otherwise required to suspend in-person operations may “retain essential personnel to process payroll and insurance claims, maintain security, and engage in similar limited measures on an occasional basis,” subject to the caveat that “telework (i.e. working from home) should be employed whenever possible, and social distancing must be observed.” LIFE SUSTAINING BUSINESS FAQs, *Uploaded by Governor Tom Wolf*, <https://www.scribd.com/document/452553495/UPDATED-1-45pm-March-31-2020-Life-Sustaining-Business-FAQs> (last visited April 1, 2020).

Dispossession of Property

Subject to further orders of this Court, the directives contained in the March 18 Order concerning the dispossession of a residence—under the heading “Landlord/Tenant”—are hereby extended through April 30, 2020. It is noted, as a clarification, that the intent of this provision is that, in view of the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, during this timeframe no officer, official, or other person employed by the Pennsylvania Judiciary at any level shall effectuate an eviction, ejectment, or other displacement from a

residence based upon the failure to make a monetary payment. Such payments include rent and loan payments, as referenced in the March 18 Order; they also include property tax payments. As such, this temporary prohibition encompasses, inter alia, dispossessions predicated on a mortgage foreclosure, a failure to pay rent, or a failure to pay property taxes. Finally, and again subject to further orders, any execution on an order of possession is also stayed for the same period, namely, through April 30, 2020.

Prompt Trials

Extending the prior directive from the March 18 Order, Rule of Criminal Procedure 600(C) is hereby **SUSPENDED** in all judicial districts at least through April 30, 2020. The purport of this directive is that the time period of the statewide judicial emergency and continuing through April 30, 2020, **SHALL BE EXCLUDED** from the time calculation under Rule 600(C). Nothing in this Order, however, or its local implementation, shall affect a criminal defendant's right to a speedy trial under the United States and Pennsylvania Constitutions—albeit that the circumstances giving rise to this Order and the suspension may be relevant to the constitutional analysis.

This Court will continue to post on the Unified Judicial System website its Orders concerning the operations of the Unified Judicial System during the COVID-19 situation.

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Lawyers Concerned For Lawyers Lawyers Only Recovery Meetings

Substance Use Only Recovery Meetings

Allegheny County
Berks County
Lackawanna County

Substance Use and Mental Health Recovery Meetings:

Delaware County
Erie County
Cumberland County
Montgomery County
Northampton County
Philadelphia County
Centre County
Washington County

These are “closed meetings”—that is, only lawyers recovering from or trying to recover from alcohol, other drug or gambling problems may attend.

Stress, Anxiety and Depression

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(1-800-335-2572)

or

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