



SECOND CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEAL  
CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19) EMERGENCY

May 18, 2020

**ORDER**

Acting in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution Article V, Section 1, the inherent power of the Court, and considering the continuing spread of coronavirus 2019 disease (COVID-19) in Louisiana, Governor John Bel Edwards' declaration of public health emergencies in Proclamation Numbers JBE 2020-25, JBE 2020-27, JBE 2020-30, JBE 2020-33, JBE 2020-41, JBE 2020-52, and JBE 2020-59, President Donald Trump's declaration of a national health emergency on March 13, 2020, the Orders of the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Orders of this Court dated March 13, 2020, March 15, 2020, March 19, 2020, March 23, 2020, April 8, 2020, and May 4, 2020, and in consideration of public health recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and slowing the spread of the disease while balancing the need to protect the constitutional rights and public safety of the citizens of the state by maintaining access to this Court:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the provisions set forth in the Orders of this Court dated March 13, 2020, March 15, 2020, March 19, 2020, March 23, 2020, April 8, 2020, and May 4, 2020 shall remain in effect, *but are revised* as set forth below:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Proclamation (JBE 2020-59) by the Governor of the State of Louisiana, John Bel Edwards, for purposes of computing the timeliness of filings, the period of the suspension of legal deadlines (ending June 5, 2020) shall be considered a legal holiday; and thus, pleadings otherwise due in this Court during this legal holiday shall be due within seven (7) days of the resumption of normal court operation (June 12, 2020), except that expedited matters, such as cases governed by Uniform Rules – Courts of Appeal, Rule 5, shall be due on or before June 8, 2020. The Court will continue to process all filings made prior to June 12, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the next oral argument be and is hereby scheduled for June 22, 2020 and June 23, 2020, either in person or by videoconference, as directed by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court calendar be amended to add oral argument dates for July 20, 2020 and July 21, 2020, either in person or by videoconference, as directed by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a notice of the foregoing shall be posted on the Court's website and at the front entrance of the courthouse.

Signed at Shreveport, Louisiana on the 18th day of May, 2020.

/s/Felicia Toney Williams

Felicia Toney Williams, Chief Judge

For the Court