

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

June 5, 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, JBE 2020-59, and JBE 2020-75, 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, May 4, 2020, and May 18, 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, May 4, 2020, and May 18, 2020 shall remain in effect, *but are revised* as set forth below:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Proclamation (JBE 2020-75) 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 15, 2020) shall be considered a legal holiday; and thus, pleadings otherwise due in this Court during this legal holiday shall be due on or before June 16, 2020. The Court will continue to process all filings made prior to June 16, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the next oral argument shall remain scheduled for June 22, 2020 and June 23, 2020, either in person or by video conference, as directed by the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that oral argument for July shall remain scheduled July 20, 2020 and July 21, 2020, either in person or by video conference, 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 5th day of June, 2020.

/s/Felicia Toney Williams
Felicia Toney Williams, Chief Judge
For the Court