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## PRESS RELEASE - GARLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I - JUDGE JOHN HOMER WRIGHT

## **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

Garland County Circuit Court Division I will continue to operate it's essential court functions. Our physical office will be closed, but we are continuing to work remotely. We will be checking voice mails and fax transmissions at least daily. You may contact the Court via e-mail at sdanielstcal@gmail.com.

Since the Supreme Court has suspended all in-person proceedings in the appellate, circuit and district courts, all cases scheduled up to and including Friday, April 17, 2020 shall be continued effective immediately.

Criminal cases scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2020 will be continued to April 20, 2020 at 8:00 am, with the exception of Defendants in custody, who will be rescheduled for Monday, March 30, 2020 for review via video conference, if this can be conducted without violating any of the protocols in place on that day.

All criminal cases scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2020 will be continued to Monday, April 27,2020, with the exception of Defendants in custody, whose cases will be addressed via video conference, if possible. The court room will be open only to essential court personnel.

All criminal cases scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2020 will be continued to May 4, 2020 at 8:00 am, with the exception of Defendants in custody, who will be rescheduled for Monday, April 13, 2020.

All criminal cases scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2020 will be continued to May 11, 2020 at 8:00 am, with the exception of Defendants in custody, whose cases will be addressed via video conference. The court room will be open only to essential court personnel.

Domestic Abuse cases currently scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 1:30 pm shall be continued to Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 1:30 pm.

Child Support cases currently scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 2:00 pm shall be continued to Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

All cases scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2020 (docket call day) will be rescheduled to Tuesday, May 26, 2020 (with the exception of domestic abuse cases and child support cases which have been previously rescheduled for April 28, 2020.)

All remaining cases currently schedule between March 23 and April 17, 2020 shall be rescheduled as expeditiously as possible. The Court will contact attorneys to reschedule the cases as promptly as possible.

All emergency cases shall be handled as set forth in the Supreme Court Per Curium issued March 17, 2020 and March 20, 2020.

Court dates and case information regarding your case may be found online at <u>https://caseinfo.arcourts.gov</u> and will be updated as promptly as possible. Please check for updates online before contacting the Clerk's office or the Court.

We appreciate your patience during this process and apologize for any inconvenience. We are taking these precautions to ensure the safety of the public and the safety of our court personnel, which is our top priority. Should any changes occur we will be updating our press release.

JOHN HOMER WRIGHT, CIRCUIT JUDGE 18E JUDICIAL DISTRICT - DIVISION I