FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISHES OF: ACADIA, LAFAYETTE, VERMILION

MARILYN C. CASTLE DISTRICT JUDGE, DIVISION L

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15TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT'S EN BANC EMERGENCY ORDER RELATIVE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

PARISHES OF ACADIA, LAFAYETTE AND VERMILION

In light of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the state of emergency declaration issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 13, 2020, the additional measures contained in his Proclamation JBE 2020-30 issued on March 16, 2020, and his Proclamation 33 JBE 2020-30 issued on March 22, 2020 closing all state offices and ordering persons to remain at home except in emergencies and his additional Order of March 30, 2020 extending his previous orders until at least April 30, 2020; the recommendations issued on March 12, 2020 by the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Orders of the Louisiana Supreme Court of March 16, 2020 and March 23, 2020; the emergency declarations issued by Lafayette Mayor President Josh Guillory on March 15, 2020 and March 16, 2020 which ordered the minimization of access to certain public buildings in Lafayette Parish and his extension of those orders to such time as the Governor rescinds his emergency declaration; the Fifteenth Judicial District Court extends and supplements its Emergency Orders Relative to COVID-19 issued on March 15, 2020, March 19, 2020 and March 23, 2020 and due to concerns of crowd management and logistics surrounding the conduct of civil jury trials, the Court issues the following En Banc Order for the Parishes of Acadia, Vermilion and Lafayette:

All CIVIL JURY Trials scheduled to commence during the month of May, 2020 are hereby continued and shall be reset by order of the Judge in each division in which such civil jury trials are scheduled. This Order applies to CIVIL JURY TRIALS ONLY. This Order does not effect any other civil matters or any criminal cases.

All matters set forth in all previous Emergency Orders regarding special fixings, as well as all orders which are not in conflict with this Order, shall remain in effect. This Order shall be effective through 12 A.M. on May 31, 2020.

Issued on April 8, 2020 at Lafayette, Louisiana.

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Chief Judge 15th Judicial District Court