

MEMO
March 23, 2020

TO: All Attorney/Litigants
FROM: Judge Charles G. Fitzgerald, Division M

PLEASE NOTE: Pursuant to the 15th Judicial District Court's Second Supplemental Emergency Order Relative to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency signed by Chief Judge Marilyn Castle on March 19, 2020, which expires on April 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. unless extended, all non-emergency trials/hearings in Division "M" are being reset.¹ You will be notified by the Clerks of Court of the new hearing dates, which are summarized below for your convenience.²

1. Clearstart Docket for Monday, March 30, 2020:

All matters on the Lafayette Parish Clearstart Docket for Monday, March 30th are being reset to Friday, April 17, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

2. Adoptions and Pre-Trial Conference Set for Monday, March 30, 2020:

The two adoptions set for March 30th at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., respectively, have been reset to Friday, April 17, 2020. The time for each adoption has not changed. For example, the adoption originally set for March 30th at 11:00 a.m. will now be heard on April 17th at 11:00 a.m.

The pre-trial conference scheduled for March 30th at 1:00 p.m. has been reset to Friday, April 17th at 1:00 p.m.

3. Special Fixings:

Three special fixings were continued by the aforementioned emergency order. All three cases have been re-fixed for dates and times approved by the attorneys of record and *pro se* litigants.

4. Acadia Parish Rule Docket for Wednesday, April 1, 2020:

The following cases have emergency custody matters fixed on this docket, and these emergency matters will be adjudicated as presently scheduled:

Elisha Benjamin Touchet v. Bethany Regan Touchet, Docket No. 2018-10779;

Stephanie Tabb v. Nee'Kail Mouton, Docket No. 2020-10180; and,

Lindsey Boudreaux v. David Adams, Docket No. 2020-10220.

¹ See also Louisiana Supreme Court Order of 3/20/2020 and State of Louisiana Executive Department Proclamation No. 33 JBE 2020 of 3/22/2020.

² This memorandum addresses changes to Division M's calendar for the period of Monday, March 30, 2020 through Thursday, April 9, 2020. (Friday, April 10th is Good Friday.) The calendar changes for the week beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, are addressed in the Memo of 3/17/2020.

All other matters on the Acadia Docket for Wednesday, April 1st are being reset to Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

5. Lafayette Parish Rule Docket for Thursday, April 2, 2020:

There are no emergency matters fixed on this docket; therefore, all matters on the Lafayette Docket for Thursday, April 2nd are being reset to Thursday, June 4, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you,

Judge Charles G. Fitzgerald
15th JDC, Division "M"