

STATE OF ALABAMA) IN THE CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS OF THE
TALLADEGA COUNTY) 29TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ALABAMA

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR THE 29TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT FOR DATES MARCH 13, 2020 – APRIL 16, 2020
IN RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

This matter coming on before the Court on the 14th day of March, 2020 based on the Court’s own motion; the Court having received and reviewed an **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SUSPENDING ALL IN-PERSON COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS (with exceptions)** on the 13th day of March, 2020 from the Alabama Supreme Court (a copy of which is attached to this Order); the authority granted to the Presiding Circuit Judge pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 12, Section 10 and Title 12, Chapter 17, Section 24 of the 1975 Code of Alabama, as amended; the authority granted to the Courts pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 1, Sections 2 and 7 of the 1975 Code of Alabama, as amended; the authority granted to the Courts pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 12, Sections 1 and 4 of the 1975 Code of Alabama, as amended; the need for the 29th Judicial Circuit of Alabama court system to remain open subject to the directives and guidelines provided in the aforementioned Administrative Order; the recent installation and availability of closed circuit television capabilities between the Talladega County Judicial Building and the Talladega County Jail; the Court having reviewed the previously adopted 2020 Consolidated Court Calendar Court in consultation with Judges Hollingsworth, Fannin and Rumsey; the desire of the

Court to provide specific docket information to all parties, court personnel and counsel of record; and the Presiding Judge having been authorized to determine the manner in which in-person court proceedings shall be conducted for the designated exceptions provided by said March 13, 2020 Administrative Order; and upon consideration thereof, the Court finds as follows:

- I. The President of the United States having declared a national emergency and the Governor of Alabama having declared a state of emergency for the State of Alabama amid the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic, the Supreme Court of Alabama, pursuant to the authority vested in it under Article VI, §§ 139, 140 and 150, Ala. Const. 1901, hereby declares a state of emergency for the entire Judicial Branch of the State of Alabama.
- II. Prior to this Court entering this standing order, the Court has carefully reviewed the March 13, 2020 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SUSPENDING ALL IN-PERSON COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS (*with exceptions*) from the Alabama Supreme Court which states in pertinent part as follows:

"All in-person proceedings in all state and local courts in Alabama, including, but not limited to, proceedings in the circuit court, district court (including cases on the small claims docket), juvenile court, municipal court, probate court, and appellate courts, are suspended beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 through Thursday, April 16, 2020, subject to the exceptions below.