

**IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MORGAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

ORDER

As a result of Governor Ivey's State of Emergency, the Alabama Supreme Court's Administrative Order, and the closing of the Morgan County Courthouse, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** as follows.

All in-person proceedings are hereby suspended immediately subject to the exceptions below:

1. Proceedings necessary to protect the constitutional rights of criminal defendants.
2. Proceedings related to protection from abuse.
3. Proceedings related to emergency child custody and protection orders.
4. Proceedings related to dependency, delinquency and matters related to child welfare and protection.
5. Proceedings related to emergency mental health orders.
6. Proceedings related to emergency protection of elderly or vulnerable persons.
7. Proceedings related to petitions for temporary injunctive relief.

The Morgan County Sheriff is **ORDERED AND DIRECTED** to maintain sufficient security personnel to direct parties involved in those hearings that will be set pursuant to the list of excepted proceedings above.

PROTECTION ORDERS: If you need to file an emergency *Petition For Protection From Abuse* or *Petition for Elder Abuse Protection Order*, you may obtain the forms for the same online at forms.alacourt.gov or from the Security Deputy on the first floor, which will be available during regular business hours. Once complete, you may file the same with the Circuit Court on the third floor.

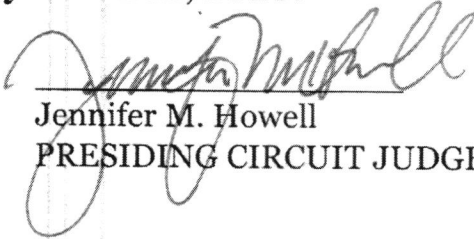
RESTITUTION RECOVERY: If you need to make payment arrangements for the release of a defendant who has been arrested on a restitution recovery warrant, call the **Restitution Recovery Office** at 256-351-4740.

For other questions regarding court cases, please contact the **Circuit Clerk** at 256-351-4790. **THIS NUMBER IS FOR EMERGENCY MATTERS ONLY.** A judge, warrant magistrate, and circuit clerk employee will be on duty daily.

All dockets will be rescheduled at a later date and notices will be provided by U.S. mail and/or Alacourt notification for attorneys. Parties should contact their attorney with any questions. This Order is intended to be interpreted broadly for the protection of the public from risks associated with COVID-19.

This Order will remain in effect pending further Order of this Court.

Done and ORDERED this the 16th day of March, 2020.



Jennifer M. Howell
PRESIDING CIRCUIT JUDGE