

**PRESIDING JUDGE'S ORDER
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF ALABAMA**

STATE OF ALABAMA)
ETOWAH COUNTY)

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2020

Due to the current state of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the 16th Judicial Circuit modifies its March 13, 2020 Amended Administrative Order, as amended on March 16, 2020, as follows:

The April 30, 2020 Administrative Order of the Supreme Court of Alabama, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby RATIFIED and ADOPTED as the Order of this Circuit as if fully set out herein.

Consistent with the April 30, 2020 Administrative Order of the Supreme Court of Alabama and to further clarify matters that are suspended and the date said suspensions will be lifted in this Circuit, the following Amended Administrative Order is hereby entered to govern in-person court proceedings in the 16th Judicial Circuit as follows:

All civil and criminal jury trials remain suspended and no juror summons shall be issued prior to July 1, 2020.

The following non-jury dockets remain suspended through May 15, 2020, in lieu of May 31, 2020, as previously ordered by this Circuit:

- District Criminal Dockets
- District Civil Dockets
- Juvenile Dockets
- Traffic Dockets
- Small Claims Dockets
- Child Support/DHR Dockets
- Circuit Criminal Dockets
- Circuit Civil Dockets
- Domestic Relations Dockets

The exceptions to the above dockets, other than jury trials, suspending in-person court proceedings through May 15, 2020, continue to include:

- Initial appearance hearings (48/72 hour hearings) for adults and juveniles
- Criminal defendant bond related matters and plea agreements for incarcerated individuals
- Arraignments for incarcerated individuals

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CIRCUIT COURT CLERK