

**In the Circuit Court for Lawrence County, Alabama  
Thirty-Sixth Judicial Circuit  
State of Alabama**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7 REGARDING  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS  
ENTERED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA  
And  
ORDERS ISSUED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Supreme Court of Alabama, the Honorable Chief Justice Tom Parker, presiding, entered the ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER SUSPENDING ALL IN-PERSON COURT PROCEEDINGS FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS, IN RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE, (“the Order”);

WHEREAS, since the entry of the Order, the Supreme Court of Alabama has issued ten (10) further administrative orders concerning the operation of the courts of this state (collectively, “the Intervening Orders”) during the state of emergency declared by the Governor of this State and by the Supreme Court, most recently on March 11, 2020, the Supreme Court of Alabama, the Honorable Chief Justice Tom Parker, presiding, entering “ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 7: RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON HEARINGS AUTHORIZED AFTER MAY 15, 2020, CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 14, 2020,” (“Order No. 7”);

WHEREAS, following entry of the Order and the Intervening Orders, this Court entered a series of administrative orders, including, most recently, entering on June 2, 2020, “ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6 REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ENTERED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA and ORDERS ISSUED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY COMMISSION” (ADMIN Order 6); and

WHEREAS, since the entry of ADMIN Order 6, certain intervening orders of the Governor of Alabama have been entered extending and expanding her “Safer at Home” order that necessitate changes and amendments to ADMIN Order 6;

NOW, BE IT ORDERED that, until further order of this Court, as follows:

1. The following enumerated paragraphs in the ADMIN Order 6 are amended to read as follows:

**3.16.** “Resumption Phase Two” refers to the period of time between the end of Resumption Phase One and August 31, 2020.

**3.17.** “Resumption Phase Three” refers to the period of time between September 1, 2020 and September 14, 2020.

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**3.1** “*Disqualifying condition or circumstance*” refers to the following circumstances that disqualify a person from entry into a court facility pursuant to an in-person court proceeding:

- 3.1.1. Within the 14 days prior to the court proceeding (or date of attempting to enter the court facility), the person
  - 3.1.1.1. Had a confirmed positive test for COVID-19, but had no symptoms of the disease arise;
  - 3.1.1.2. At any time had close contact (that is, for at least 15 minutes was within 6 feet or closer) with a person who tested positive for COVID-19, but had no symptoms arise, within the 14 days prior to the close contact; OR
  - 3.1.1.3. Lived in the same household as a person who tested positive for COVID-19, but had no symptoms arise;
- 3.1.2. Prior to the court proceeding (or date of attempting to enter the court facility), the person had tested positive for COVID-19 and exhibited symptoms of the disease, but at least 14 days had not passed since the onset of symptoms OR at least 24 hours had not passed after recovery (the resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications with progressive improvement or resolution of other symptoms) (such recovery being certified by a medical professional).
- 3.1.3. The person is in a period of isolation or quarantine as ordered or advised by a medical professional related to or arising out of a diagnosis of COVID-19 of the person or some other person.
- 3.1.4. At the time of attempted entry of the court facility or within 24 hours of attempted entry, the person (a) experienced or exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 (with or without diagnosis by a medical professional), including but not limited to shortness of breath, persistent cough,

difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, congestive/runny nose or extreme, unusual fatigue, or (b) otherwise “feels” or “felt” sick.

3.1.5. At the time of attempted entry of the court facility, the person had a fever of 100.00 or greater as read by a noncontact thermometer.

3.1.6. At the time of attempted entry of the court facility, the person was awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test.

3.1.7. At the time of attempted entry of the court facility, the person had close contact (that is, for at least 15 minutes was within 6 feet or closer) with a person who is waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test within the 14 days prior to the close contact.

3.1.8. At the time of attempted entry of the court facility, the person lived in the same household as a person who is waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test within the last 14 days.

3.1.9. At the time of attempted entry of the court facility, the person lived in the same household with or had close contact (as defined in 3.1.7 above) within the immediately prior 48-hour period with a person who has or is reasonably expected to have a disqualifying condition or circumstance as defined herein.

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3.3. “Mask” refers to a cloth or similar material designed or intended to reduce the transmission of respiratory diseases covering a person’s nostrils and mouth and affixed such that the covering can remain in place without being held in place by a hand. Masks can never obscure or the eyes of the wearer. Masks should never be of such a quality or arranged in such a way as to make speech by a speaking wearer unintelligible. Masks can include full face shields made of a transparent plastic or similar material that are designed or intended to reduce the transmission of respiratory diseases.

#### **4. REGARDING JURY TRIAL:**

**4.1.** No jury trials shall be scheduled by any court until September 28, 2020.

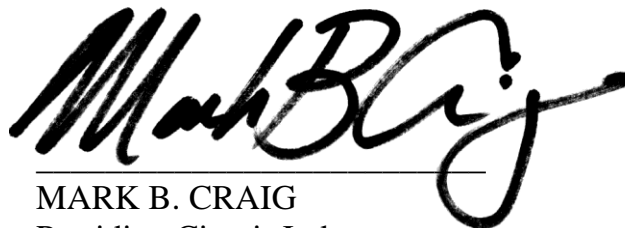
#### **5. REGARDING COURT ENTRY PROCEDURES:**

**5.1.** Every Court Official, court participant and court attendee entering or attempting to enter a court facility in order to attend a court proceeding

must be screened prior to entry by designated court security staff; provided, however, that court officials may self-screen by assessing whether they have a disqualifying condition or circumstance and shall determine whether they have a fever of 100.0 or higher within 2 hours of attempting to enter the court facility.

It is ORDERED that the Circuit Clerk shall spread this Order upon the minutes of the Court, provide the Alabama Administrative Office of Courts with a copy of this Order which Office will in turn send a copy to the Alabama State Bar Association, post a copy on the Lawrence County Circuit Court Clerk's official website, otherwise cause a copy of this Order to be specifically filed of record in each matter in which the referenced video or audio conference procedures are employed to conduct any proceedings, and serve a copy of this Order upon the Sheriff of Lawrence County, Alabama, upon the local office of the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles, upon the District Attorney of the Thirty-Sixth Judicial Circuit, and upon the Court Referee of this Circuit.

DONE AND ORDERED, this 31st day of July, 2020,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark B. Craig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

MARK B. CRAIG  
Presiding Circuit Judge  
36<sup>th</sup> Judicial