
ADMINISTRATIVE

ORDER NO. (2)- 1-27-21

**STATE OF ALABAMA)
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT)**

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY RULE 5 OF THE ALABAMA RULES OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION, AS PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE FOURTH (4TH) CIRCUIT, THE FOLLOWING ORDER IS ENTERED:

- 1. THERE IS AN ENORMOUS INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS EXPOSED TO COVID-19 IN OUR COMMUNITIES.**
- 2. THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DEATHS RELATED TO COVID-19 IN OUR COMMUNITIES.**
- 3. THERE IS A SERIOUS NEED FOR US TO BE PROACTIVE AND TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO FURTHER PROTECT OURSELVES AND THE COMMUNITY.**
- 4. THE ATTEMPTS TO SECURE JURORS FOR JURY TRIALS AND GRAND JURY SERVICE HAVE BEEN ALMOST FRUITLESS.**
- 5. THE LIMITATION OF RESOURCES, FACILITIES, AND PERSONNEL HAVE HINDER OUR ABILITY TO SAFELY AND COMPETENTLY ADMINISTER JURY TRIALS AT THIS JUNCTURE.**
- 6. THE CIRCUIT JUDGES HAVE EXTREME RESERVATIONS IN OUR ABILITY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE PUBLIC, THE COURTHOUSE STAFF, AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL COMMUNITY WITH THE SUMMONING**

OF JURORS AND ENGAGING IN JURY TRIALS.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

A. THAT ALL JURY TRIALS IN THE FOURTH (4TH) CIRCUIT ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL MAY 1, 2021.

B. THAT THE CIRCUIT CLERK FOR DALLAS, HALE, PERRY AND WILCOX COUNTIES SHALL SUMMON APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED (100) JURY VENIRE PERSONS FOR POSSIBLE GRAND JURY SERVICE FOR MARCH 29, 2021.

C. THAT THE CIRCUIT CLERKS SHALL SUMMON THE JURY VENIRE PERSONS FOR JURY SERVICE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY AS THEY ARE REQUIRED, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

/S/ MARVIN W. WIGGINS

PRESIDING JUDGE

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