

20S-CB-111

Clark Circuit Courts Emergency Petition Pursuant to Administrative Rule 17

Come now the Clark Circuit Courts and petition the Supreme Court for relief under Ind. Administrative Rule 17. In Support of this petition, the Clark Circuit Courts inform the Supreme Court as follows:

1. The Clark Circuit Courts have convened en banc and have determined:
 - A. That the COVID-19 or corona virus is spreading across the nation, state, and world.
 - B. That on March 6, 2020, Governor Eric Holcomb signed an executive order declaring an emergency related to the corona virus.
 - C. That as of 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020, two employees of agencies that are stakeholders in the operations of the Clark Circuit Courts are currently under quarantine. Their return date is unknown.
 - D. That the Clark County health department has directed Clark County residents to the Centers for Disease Control website for guidance and instruction. One of the three public school corporations in Clark County, the Clarksville Community Schools, has closed their schools from Friday, March 13, 2020, until Monday, March 30, 2020.
 - E. That the Clark Circuit Courts have appointed presiding Judge Vicki Carmichael as the presiding Judge for this emergency.
 - F. The judges of the Clark Circuit Courts request that the Supreme Court declare that an emergency exists in Clark County under the authority of Ind. Admin. R. 17, and to make appropriate emergency orders for

Clark County directing and allowing the courts and clerk of Clark County to alter, modify, and suspend necessary procedures as provided in the emergency plan submitted herewith, so as to appropriately address this emergency.

G. The Clark Circuit Courts emergency plan which would take effect upon approval and run through April 10, 2020, is as follows:

- a. All civil proceedings would be suspended, except for protective orders in domestic violence cases and emergency CHINS proceedings; and
- b. All criminal proceedings would be suspended except emergency motions and petitions, bond hearings, arraignments for inmates, initial hearings, emergency hearings, and any criminal hearing or proceeding necessary to protect a defendant's right to a speedy trial.

DONE at Jeffersonville, Indiana, this 13th day of March, 2020.



Andrew Adams
Judge, Clark Circuit Court No. 1



Bradley B. Jacobs
Judge, Clark Circuit Court No. 2



Joseph P. Weber
Judge, Clark Circuit Court No. 3