

# In the Indiana Supreme Court

In the Matter of the Petition of the Courts  
of Marion County for Additional  
Administrative Rule 17 Emergency Relief.

Supreme Court Case No.  
20S-CB-113

Trial Court Case No.  
49D01-2001-CB-000039



## Order

On March 13, 2020, the Marion Superior Court Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Marion Circuit Court Judge, petitioned this Court for emergency relief pursuant to Indiana Administrative Rule 17. On the same day, this Court issued an order declaring an emergency in those courts and granting Marion County relief.

On March 17, 2020, the Marion Superior Court Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Marion Circuit Court Judge, petitioned this Court for further emergency relief. Specifically, the courts ask to extend all previously granted relief through May 1, 2020 and seek “permission for all hearings, including but not limited to: initial hearings, bond reviews and dispositive hearings, to be conducted remotely using available teleconferencing and/or video conferencing.” The Court finds that good cause exists for granting additional emergency relief.

Having previously declared an emergency in the Marion Circuit and Superior Courts, the Court GRANTS IN PART the petition for additional relief and APPROVES IN PART the request for additional relief. The Court accordingly ORDERS as follows, in addition to the relief previously granted:

1. The provisions of this Court’s March 13, 2020 order, including but not limited to tolling of time limits and authority to continue jury trials, are extended **through May 1, 2020**. The Marion Circuit and Superior Courts are directed to review **no later than April 13, 2020** whether continued suspension is necessary; and if it is not, to resume jury trials no later than May 1, 2020 to allow adequate notification of the jury pool. If the Marion Circuit and Superior Courts believe continued suspension is necessary, they may petition this Court to extend the suspension.
2. **Through May 1, 2020**, the Marion Circuit and Superior Courts are authorized, in their discretion and subject to applicable constitutional limitations, to utilize audiovisual telecommunication to conduct hearings.

In all other respects, this Court’s order of March 13, 2020 remains in full force and effect.

Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 3/23/2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loretta H. Rush".

Loretta H. Rush

Chief Justice of Indiana