

## COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE CIRCUIT COURT

The Chief Judge of Fairfax Circuit Court has announced the following modifications in the Fairfax Circuit Court's Docket, as a temporary precaution, and in light of current events. The Circuit Court is taking these measures in order to limit the number of people who must come to the Courthouse, during this challenging time.

- 1) Effective Friday, March 13, 2020, **all civil jury Trials will be suspended**, for at least 30 days. If you currently have a Civil Jury Trial scheduled to begin between March 13, 2020 and April 17, 2020, please contact Calendar Control at 703-246-2221, to reschedule. The Circuit Court will continue to conduct **civil bench** trials, during this period. If the parties agree, cases currently scheduled for a civil jury trial **may be converted to a bench trial** at Calendar Control, and thus still be heard, during this period.
- 2) All other dockets—including Friday Civil Motions and Criminal Motions Dockets—will continue, as scheduled. However, liberal continuances will be granted on a case-by-case basis, as laid-out in the Court's 3/11/2020 Continuance Policy Amendment.
- 3) If counsel, a party, or a witness is ill, parties should contact Calendar Control, to reschedule their matter.
- 4) If you have been summoned for jury service, and are ill, please contact the Jury Management Office, at 703-246-2292, to reschedule your service.

As a precaution, the Court recommends that you not come to the Courthouse, unless circumstances require you to do so.