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IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR LOUDOUN COUNTY

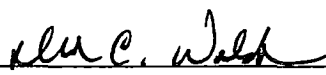
IN RE: Docket scheduling due to COVID-19 Pandemic

It appearing that on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a pandemic; that the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia declared a state of emergency on March 12, 2020; that the President of the United States declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020; that on March 16, 2020, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for Virginia declared a judicial emergency response to COVID-19; that the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Center for Disease Control have made certain declarations about social distancing in light of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and that Virginia Code Section 8.01-4 of the Code of Virginia, in pertinent part, authorizes the district courts and circuit courts "from time to time [to] prescribe rules for their respective districts and circuits. Such rules shall be limited to those rules necessary to promote proper order and decorum and the efficient and safe use of the courthouse facilities and clerks' offices."; and that this Order is necessary to promote the safe use of the courthouse facilities, the General District Court(Court) and Clerk's office in Loudoun County,

It is ORDERED as follows:

1. All cases, except as specifically set forth herein, shall be removed from the dockets of the Court beginning on March 17, 2020 until April 17, 2020.
2. All criminal cases for Defendants who are incarcerated shall remain on the docket without change.
3. All protective order cases shall remain on the docket without change.
4. All arraignments shall remain on the docket without change.
5. All bond hearings shall remain on the docket without change.
6. All unlawful detainer cases shall remain on the docket without change.
7. All civil commitment proceedings shall be filed and processed without change.
8. The Clerk's office shall send notices of hearing to all litigants and attorneys of record for all cases removed from the docket with a new court date. Any party may file a motion to advance or continue a case.
9. All emergency motions and plea agreements shall be scheduled on the motions docket.
10. Any motions filed shall be scheduled on the motions docket.
11. All continuance requests are encouraged to be by telephone and/or facsimile.
12. All arraignments and bond hearings for incarcerated Defendants shall be via video .
13. This Order is in addition to the General Administrative Order entered on March 16, 2020 for this Court and the Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency in Response to COVID-19.

ENTERED this 16th day of March, 2020.



Deborah C. Welsh, Chief Judge