

Memorandum

To: Members of the Bar
and *Pro Se* parties with cases pending in the Waynesboro Circuit Court

From: Judge Paul A. Dryer

Date: March 17, 2020

Re: Circuit Court Procedures for Waynesboro Circuit Court in response to Judicial
Emergency in Response Covid 19 pandemic

On March 16, 2020, the Chief Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court declared a judicial emergency in response to the Covid 19 pandemic. I have attached/enclosed a copy of the Chief Justice's Order. Pursuant to the Chief Justice's Order, all non-essential and non-emergency proceedings currently scheduled in the Waynesboro Circuit Court between the dates of March 17, 2020 and April 6, 2020 shall be continued.

The following docketing procedures are hereby implemented as a result of the judicial emergency.

Criminal Cases: All continued criminal cases, including probation violations and sentencing hearings shall be rescheduled through a criminal scheduling docket on April 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. If you wish to appear by phone for the criminal scheduling docket, you must notify my assistant, Jennifer Kyle, of your intention to appear by phone on or before 12:00 p.m. on April 8, 2020, otherwise you will need to appear in person at the criminal scheduling docket to reset the case. If you elect to appear by phone, you must be available to the phone between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on April 9, 2020. It is the attorney's responsibility to notify his or her client of the new hearing date and time, in writing, with a copy of the notification being sent to the clerk of court.

Civil Cases:

A.) If you filed a praecipe for the April 1, 2020 motions day docket, your case will be continued to the May 6, 2020 motions day. You will be notified of the precise time of your case on the May 6, 2020 motions day docket when the docket is finalized.

B.) If your civil case was scheduled for a hearing between March 17, 2020 and April 6, 2020, my assistant will contact you to reset the case.

During the judicial emergency, the Court will continue to perform its mission critical functions, including but not limited to, emergency adult protective services cases, criminal cases with speedy trial issues, injunctions, isolation orders, judicial authorization for treatment, protective orders, quarantine orders, bond appeals, and advisements.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience in rescheduling cases during this time.