### **NOTICE**

Effective Monday, May 18, 2020, the Ascension Parish Clerk of Court's Office will be open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. All business will continue to be conducted at the door and the public will not be allowed to enter the building. Marriage licenses, birth certificates and passports will be issued for <u>Ascension Parish residents</u> (valid ID required) by appointment only by calling (225) 621-8400, ext. 397. We are taking these steps in order to comply with Federal and State guidance and to protect the health and safety of our staff and the public. We suggest that customers electronically file court documents and criminal) through our Odyssey (civil eFileLA program at www.efile-la.com or online **ACCESS** use our System at www.ascensionclerk.com If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (225) 621-8400 or (225) 473-9866. We are sorry for any inconvenience and we thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.

23rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, ASCENSION PARAMETER RECORDER

AND ASCENSION, ASSUMPTION AND ST. JAMES CLERENCIEDCEMENTOPY BY

EMERGENCY ORDER RELATIVE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

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PARISHES OF ASCENSION, ASSUMPTION AND ST. JAMES

#### **ORDER**

In light of the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency, the state of emergency declaration issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 13, 2020, the "Stay at Home Order" issued by Governor Edwards in Proclamation 33 JBE 2020 on March 22, 2020, the recommendations issued on March 12 and 23, 2020 by the Louisiana Supreme Court and the emergency declaration by Ascension Parish President Clint Cointment on March 13, 2020, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court and Ascension Parish Court issues the following Order for the Parishes of Ascension, Assumption and St. James:

In consideration of public health recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and slowing the spread of the disease while balancing the need to maintain access to Louisiana courts,

The 23rd Judicial District Court and Ascension Parish Court along with the Ascension, Assumption and St. James Clerks of Court will be open from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm Monday through Friday through April 30, 2020. The Court will continue to hear emergency and/or time sensitive matters in criminal and civil cases as determined by each judicial division. If you have any questions concerning a case and/or court appearance contact the appropriate judge's office as follows: Judge Verdigets- Division A, Judge Turner – Division E, Judge Stromberg – Division C, Judge Lanoux – Parish Court and Hearing Officer Pat Douglas at (225)621-8500; Judge Kliebert – Division B at (225) 562-2280; or Judge St. Pierre (Ad Hoc) – Division D at (985) 369-8001.

April 1, 2020 at Gonzales, Louisiana.

Jason Verdigets, Chief Judge 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court

Erin Wiley Lanoux, Judge

Ascension Parish Court

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## 23RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT PARISH OF ASCENSION STATE OF LOUISIANA

DIVISION "A"

ASCENSION RE: ALL CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES IN DIVISION "A"

## STANDING ORDER FOR CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES IN DIVISION "A" VIDEO CONFERENCES

Attorneys may attend pretrial conferences and/or hearings by video provided that the attorney complies with the following:

IT IS ORDERED that the attorney wishing to attend by video conference fax a letter to this Court advising the date of the conference and who will be attending by video. The fax number is 225-644-7796.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the presence of anyone without consent of court, or any recording of the video may be considered contempt of Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that proper attire is required for video conferences.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Gonzales, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2020

JUDGE JASON VERDIGETS

23RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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#### **ORDER CONTINUING JURY TRIALS**

In accordance with orders issued by the Governor and the Louisiana Supreme Court in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, the bulk of the court's March and April 2020 dockets have had to be continued due to court closure. Jury trials, in particular, unavoidably place the public in close contact with other individuals for prolonged periods of time. In light of the fact that it is still uncertain as to when and how the courts will re-open fully, the Court cannot reset trial dates until: 1) a plan is in place to have the court system open and functioning, and 2) firm court dates are available to set trials/hearings. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Felony Trials set for the weeks of June 17, 2020, and July 22, 2020, are continued without date, and those matters shall be set for a Trial Status on June 15, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in Gonzales, Louisiana.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should the Assistant District Attorney and Counsel for Defendant reach an agreement which would result in the release of an incarcerated defendant, they may contact Judge's Chambers at (985) 369-8001 to facilitate same.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Napoleonville, Louisiana this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2020.

EMILE R. ST. PIERRE, JUDGE PRO TEMPORE

PLEASE NOTIFY ALL COUNSEL OF RECORD