

**THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 20-1
(Court Administration)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 20-08 A1
(Amending AO No. 20-08)**

**IN RE: COVID-19 EMERGENCY
PROCEDURES AMENDING SUSPENSION
OF TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-08
IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida has issued several administrative orders implementing temporary measures essential to the administration of justice during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, such measures initially included cancellation of all non-emergency proceedings. Subsequently, non-essential hearings that could be effectively conducted remotely through communication equipment without the necessity of in-person court appearances were no longer suspended; and

WHEREAS, upon the implementation and utilization of a remote appearance platform and other communication equipment, the court has commenced with remote court proceedings without the necessity of in-person court appearances; and

WHEREAS, in light of the commencement of remote court proceedings, the suspension of the time periods set forth in Administrative Order No. 20-08 require revision to ensure the efficient and proper administration of justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chief Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, pursuant to Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Administrative Order No. 20-08, is hereby **AMENDED** as follows:

1. The Chief Judge has determined that non-emergency court proceedings may

effectively be conducted remotely, as determined on a division by division basis. If a presiding judge has scheduled a matter to be heard, then the judge has determined that it can effectively be conducted remotely and it shall proceed. These matters include special set hearings, non-jury trials, evidentiary hearings, and all calendars, including, but not limited to, motions, pretrial motions, uncontested divorces, and case management conferences.

2. No proceedings or other court events, other than mission critical matters and proceedings critical to the state of emergency or the public health emergency, previously identified in earlier administrative orders, shall be conducted through in-person hearings.
3. Writs of possession have been suspended by the Supreme Court Administrative Order No. AOSC20-23, and foreclosures and eviction matters have been addressed by the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-94 signed on April 2, 2020.
4. All time periods authorized by judicial order, rule and statute applicable to civil (inclusive of circuit and county), family, domestic violence, dependency, probate, small claims, traffic, bond forfeiture, and appellate proceedings will be suspended as follows:
 - Any time deadlines that become due prior to the close of business on April 20, 2020 shall be further extended from the deadline set forth in Administrative Order No. 20-04 and become due on June 1, 2020, unless the presiding judge has issued a different time deadline by court order issued after March 17, 2020. Any party may seek a different time deadline by filing the appropriate motion with the presiding judge.
 - Any time deadlines that become due after the close of business on April 20, 2020 through the close of business on Monday, June 1, 2020 shall be extended and become due on June 1, 2020, unless the presiding judge has issued a different time deadline by court order issued after March 17, 2020. Additionally, any party may seek a different time deadline by filing the appropriate motion with the presiding judge.
 - Any time deadlines that become due after the close of business on Monday,

June 1, 2020 shall be subject to the regular time periods as set forth by judicial order, rule or applicable statute. However, if the Supreme Court issues an additional Administrative Order further extending the suspension of the time periods, the new time deadline will be the last day of the suspension as set forth in the Supreme Court Administrative Order, unless the presiding judge has issued a different time deadline by court order. Additionally, any party may seek a different time deadline by filing the appropriate motion with the presiding judge.

Except as otherwise amended herein, all terms and provisions set forth in Administrative Orders Nos. 20-04 and 20-05 remain in effect.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers in Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 13th day of April, 2020.

**BERTILA SOTO, CHIEF JUDGE
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**