

IN THE 20<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: JURY & NON-JURY TRIALS IN  
THE CIRCUIT COURTS AND  
JURY TRIALS IN THE CHANCERY  
COURTS AND THE CRIMINAL COURTS

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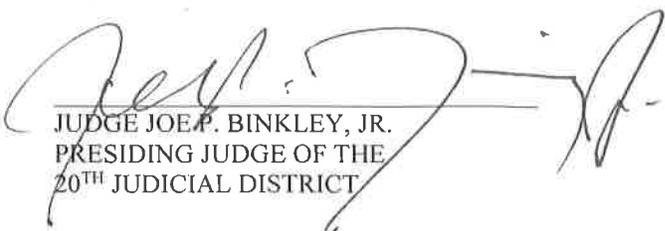
ORDER

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, the Circuit and Chancery Courts of the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District have made the following decisions:

1. As per the July 16, 2020 Presiding Judge Order, all Chancery, Circuit and Criminal Court jury trials for the months of July and August 2020 were suspended.
2. Jury trials in Davidson County Circuit and Chancery Courts will continue to be suspended through December 31, 2020 due to the continued risks of contagion of COVID-19.
3. With respect to 2021, the Courts will continue to monitor the status of the pandemic and the level of risk and logistics, and an announcement will be made closer to that time.
4. The Circuit and Chancery Court Judges/Chancellors continue to be available to hear any cases where the parties and their attorneys agree that their pending jury trials can be conducted as non-jury trials before the respective Judge/Chancellor to which their cases have been assigned.
5. As per the July 16, 2020 Presiding Judge Order, until further notice, the Circuit Court Central Assignment System will no longer be in place for Circuit Court non-jury trials. All non-jury trials will be scheduled with the Circuit Court to which the cases were originally assigned. All attorneys and pro se litigants shall contact the respective Judge's office to which their case was originally assigned in order to obtain a trial date.

The Central Assignment System which is incorporated in the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District's Local Rule 27.07 applies only to the following Circuit Courts/Judges: First Circuit Court/Judge Gayden, Second Circuit Court/Judge McClendon, Fifth Circuit Court/Judge Binkley, Sixth Circuit Court/Judge Brothers, and Eighth Circuit Court/Judge Jones.

The Criminal Court Judges of the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District who must consider many constitutional provisions which are afforded the accused Defendants are continuing to meet and determine their positions on scheduling jury trials for the months of September, October, November and December, 2020.

  
JUDGE JOE P. BINKLEY, JR.  
PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE  
20<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

cc: All Judges/Chancellors in the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
Special Master Mary Ashley Nichols  
Assignment Clerk Kelli Olin  
Circuit Court Clerk Richard Rooker  
Clerk & Master Maria Salas  
Criminal Court Clerk Howard Gentry