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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** 11<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District  
**FROM:** Jacquelyn L. Lee, Chief District Court Judge   
**DATE:** April 2, 2020

**RE: Revised Temporary changes to District Court (COVID-19 Response)**

It is my understanding Chief Justice Beasley will be entering an order to extend the temporary suspension of court functions. In light of the gravity of the pandemic, the predictions of even more cases, and the continued admonition to social distance as the only means to contain the spread of the virus, new District Court Schedules and procedures will reflect a reduction in court as set forth herein.

### **Criminal**

- First Appearances will now be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m. only (The week of April 6, 2020 will be Monday and Thursday because of the holiday).
- Bond Hearings, Misdemeanor Pleas, and Probation Violation matters with defendants in custody will be addressed during First Appearances.
- First Appearances and jail Probation Violation lists will be delivered to criminal clerks by magistrates and jail staff.
- Defense attorneys and assistant district attorneys shall generate a list of cases for bond hearings and jail misdemeanor pleas by 9:00 a.m. Monday for Tuesday court and by 9:00 a.m. Thursday for Friday court to transmit to criminal clerks to allow sufficient time to generate calendars and pull files.
- Probable Cause hearings will be set out until after June 1, 2020 for all cases.

### **Civil Domestic Violence**

- Complaints for *Ex Parte* Domestic Violence Protective Orders will be heard by a District Court Judge upon availability.
- Magistrates will hear requests for *Ex Parte* Domestic Violence Protective Orders at all other times.

**Civil Domestic**

- No Motions for Summary Judgment Divorce will be heard. Emergency cases and matters will continue to be heard.

All other courts shall continue as previously modified in the March 16, 2020 Memorandum. I have attached a Temporary District Court Master Calendar for your convenience.

Thank you for your continued understanding as circumstances dictate changes in schedules. Needless to say, we in the Judicial Branch should be models of good citizenship for the community to observe as we alter our behavior to evolving data.

Attachment