

**ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Since 13 March 2020, in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, I have issued a series of emergency directives necessary to ensure the continuation of critical court system functions while protecting the health and safety of all who work in or visit North Carolina's county courthouses.

On 19 March 2020, 13 April 2020, and 21 May 2020, I issued orders extending the time in which any pleading, motion, notice, document or paper was due to be filed in any county of the state.

On 27 March 2020, the Supreme Court entered an [order](#) extending by sixty (60) days all deadlines imposed by the Rules of Appellate Procedure that fell between 27 March 2020 and 30 April 2020.

There is a need for clarity in the application of these orders to the filing of notices of appeal. Therefore, another extension of time and periods of limitation pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1) is now necessary.

Accordingly, I hereby determine and declare under N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1) that catastrophic conditions resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak have existed and continue to exist in all counties of this state.

**Extension of Time and Periods of Limitation
Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b)(1)**

In any matter in which the deadline to file a notice of appeal fell between 13 March 2020 and 1 June 2020, the deadline for filing such appeal and making any required payment or bond is hereby extended to 30 June 2020.

Presiding judicial officials retain the authority provided to them by law to grant further extensions of time as they deem appropriate.

Additional emergency orders or directives under N.C.G.S. § 7A-39(b) may be entered as necessary to support the continuing operation of essential court functions.

Issued this the 30th day of May, 2020.



Cheri Beasley
Chief Justice
Supreme Court of North Carolina