#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-01**

#### ORDER APPOINTING JUDGE PRO TEM

Pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 20-310a (d) & (e) Branden Smith is hereby appointed as judge pro-tern of the 7th Judicial District on the terms prescribed herein. This appointment authorizes Branden Smith to hear original trials filed pursuant to the Protection from-Abuse and Stalking Acts and other actions within the jurisdiction of a district magistrate judge as provided by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 20-302b. The chief judge will assign the cases to be heard and the duties to be performed by the judge pro tern.

In accordance with the limitations and procedures prescribed by law, and subject to any rules of the Supreme Court relating thereto, any appeal permitted to be taken from an order or final decision of the judge pro tem shall be filed and determined as provided by law.

This Order is effective January 1, 2020, and shall expire January 1, 2021, unless otherwise ordered.

/s/James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

James R McCabria

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-02 ORDER APPOINTING JUDGE PRO TEM

Pursuant to law, and due to the demands of the docket in the 7th Judicial District and for good cause shown, James George is hereby appointed as District Judge Pro Tem of the 7th Judicial District to serve from January 1, 2020 through January 1, 2021.

This court finds that James George is a regularly admitted, active status member of the bar of the State of Kansas and is a fit and proper person to be appointed District Judge Pro Tem to carry out the duties of this appointment. THE COURT ORDERS that James George be and he is hereby appointed District Judge Pro Tem to serve from January 1, 2020 through January 1, 2021 for the purposes set forth above and shall have full power and authority as District Judge Pro Tern in these matters.

This order is effective as of January 1, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

ames R McCabria

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-03

#### ORDER APPOINTING JUDGE PRO TEM

Pursuant to law, and due to the demands of the docket in the 7th Judicial District and for good cause shown, Paul R. Klepper is hereby appointed as District Judge Pro Tern of the 7th Judicial District to serve from January 1, 2020, through January 1, 2021.

This court finds that Paul R. Klepper is a regularly admitted, active status member of the bar of the State of Kansas and is a fit and proper person to be appointed District Judge Pro Tem to carry out the duties of this appointment.

THE COURT ORDERS that Paul R. Klepper be and he is hereby appointed District Judge Pro Tem to serve from January 1, 2020, through January 1, 2021 for the purposes set forth above and shall have full power and authority as District Judge Pro Tern in these matters.

This order is effective as of January 1, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

ames R McCabria

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-04

Order Pertaining to Appointment of Attorneys to Represent Indigent Persons

Attached hereto as Appendix 1 (Felony Panel) and Appendix 2 (Non-Felony Panel).
are the attorneys that have been approved by the judges of the Seventh Judicial

District as qualified to be appointed as legal counsel for indigent persons who are

subject to criminal prosecution in this district for the period January 1, 2020 and

ending January 1, 2021.

This order is made and is effective this 9th day of January, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

cc: Hon. Amy Hanley

Hon. Sally Pokorny

Hon. Kay Huff

Hon. Mark Simpson

Hon. James George

Hon. Paul Klepper

**Doug Hamilton** 

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Appendix 1

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-05

Order Pertaining to Appointment of Attorneys to Represent Juveniles

Attached hereto as Appendix 1 (Juvenile Offender Panel), Appendix 2 (Limited Juvenile Offender Panel — Level 1-3) and Appendix 3 (CINC Panel) are the attorneys that have been approved by the judges of the Seventh Judicial District as qualified to be appointed as legal counsel for the panels to which they have been assigned for the period January 1, 2020 and ending January 1, 2021.

During this period, counsel shall represent parties when appointed by the court in matters arising under the Kansas Parentage Act (K.S.A. 23-2201, *et seq.* and amendments thereto), the Revised Kansas Code for Care of Children (K.S.A. 38-2201 *et seq.* and amendments thereto), and the Revised Kansas Juvenile Justice Code (K.S.A. 38-2301 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto).

All terms of payment for such appointments shall be effective as of the date of the appointment.

This order is made and is effective this 9th day of January, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

cc: Hon. Amy Hanley

Hon. Sally Pokorny

Hon. Kay Huff

Hon. Mark Simpson

Hon. James George

Hon. Paul Klepper

**Doug Hamilton** 

#### **Appendix 1 (Juvenile Offender)**

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Juanita Carlson

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Danielle Packer

Craig Stancliffe

### **Appendix 2 (Limited Juvenile Offender – Level 1-3)**

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**Branden Smith** 

Joshua Seiden

John Philip Crawford

### Appendix 3 (CINC)

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Craig Stancliffe

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-06

Order Amending Appendix 2 to Administrative Order No. 20-04

Administrative Order No. 20-04 references in Appendix 2 the attorneys approved for appointment in non-felony cases. Attached hereto is Amended Appendix 2, being the attorneys that have been approved by the judges of the Seventh Judicial District for appointment to that panel as otherwise described in Administrative Order No. 20-04.

This order is made and is effective this 15th day of January, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

CC: Hon. Amy Hanley

Hon. Sally Pokorny

Hon. Kay Huff

Hon. Mark Simpson

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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-07 ORDER APPOINTING JUDGE PRO TEM

Pursuant to law, and due to the demands of the docket in the 7th Judicial District and for good cause shown, Bethany Roberts is hereby appointed as District Judge Pro Tem of the 7th Judicial District to serve on January 21, 2020.

This court finds that Bethany Roberts is a regularly admitted, active status member of the bar of the State of Kansas and is a fit and proper person to be appointed District Judge Pro Tern to carry out the duties of this appointment.

THE COURT ORDERS that Bethany Roberts be and she is hereby appointed District Judge Pro Tern to serve on January 21, 2020 for the purposes set forth above and shall have full power and authority as District Judge Pro Tem in these matters.

This order is effective as of January 21, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

James R. McCabria

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-08

This order pertains to the attorneys appointed in this District to be appointed to represent indigent criminal defendants. This order supersedes any prior order on this same topic. Attached hereto as Appendix 1 (Felony Panel) and Appendix 2 (Non-Felony Panel) are the attorneys who are qualified to receive these respective appointments for the panel of March 10th, 2020 thru January 1st, 2021.

This order is made and is effective this 10th day of March, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

CC: Hon. Amy Hanley

Hon. Sally Pokorny

Hon. Kay Huff

Hon. Mark Simpson

Hon. James George

Hon. Paul Klepper

**Doug Hamilton** 

James R. McCabria

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Griffy, Skip	842-0040
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Loomis, Dakota	979-6345
Seiden, Josh	289-8490
Smith, Branden	856-0780
Wells, Jerry	856-3925
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#### 2020 FELONY PANEL EMAILS

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David, Michelle	380-7703
Downing, Shaye	842-6311
Falls, Joseph	424-5142
Glover, Blake	594-1099
Griffy, Skip	842-0040
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Harrod, Travis	766-5504
Kincaid, Jeffrey	380-7748
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Rogers, Matthew	843-6600
Seiden, Josh	289-8490
Smith, Branden	856-0780
Spangler, Jennifer	893-1514
Stancliffe, Craig	842-6432
Thomas, Jennifer	856-5151
Tubbs, Michael	856-2081
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#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY KANSAS

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-09**

Order Pertaining to Appointment of Attorneys to Represent Juveniles

Attached hereto as Appendix 1 (Juvenile Offender Panel), Appendix 2 (Limited Juvenile Offender Panel – Level 1-3) and Appendix 3 (CINC Panel) are the attorneys that have been approved by the judges of the Seventh Judicial District as qualified to be appointed as legal counsel for the panels to which they have been assigned for the period March 1, 2020 and ending January 1, 2021.

During this period, counsel shall represent parties when appointed by the court in matters arising under the Kansas Parentage Act (K.S.A. 23-2201, *et seq.* and amendments thereto), the Revised Kansas Code for Care of Children (K.S.A. 38-2201 *et seq.* and amendments thereto), and the Revised Kansas Juvenile Justice Code (K.S.A. 38-2301 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto).

With prior approval of the Chief Judge, the Pro Tem Court is authorized to approve other attorneys to serve in the same role as any attorney approved by this Order on an "as needed" basis upon such terms as to the Court seems appropriate and, in that event, fees will be approved on a month-to-month basis for the same amount as for any other panel attorney.

All terms of payment for such appointments shall be effective as of the date of the original appointment. This order supersedes any prior order on this same topic.

This order is made and is effective this 10th day of March, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

cc: Hon. Amy Hanley

Hon. Sally Pokorny

Hon. Kay Huff

Hon. Mark Simpson

Hon. James George

Hon. Paul Klepper

Doug Hamilton

James R. McCabria

#### **Appendix 1 (Juvenile Offender)**

Teresa Barr

Juanita Carlson

Kansas Legal Services

Danielle Packer

Craig Stancliffe

### **Appendix 2 (Limited Juvenile Offender – Level 1-3)**

Hatem Chahine

**Branden Smith** 

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#### Appendix 3 (CINC)

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# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-10

Order Amending Appendix 2 to Administrative Order No. 20-08

Administrative Order No. 20-08 references in Appendix 2 the attorneys approved for appointment in non-felony cases. Attached hereto is Amended Appendix 2, which supersedes the prior Appendix 2 attached to Administrative Order No. 20-08. In all other respects, Administrative Order No. 20-08 remains in full force and effect.

This order is made and is effective this 11th day of March, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

ames R. McCabria

### 2020 NON-FELONY PANEL (revised 3/1/2020)

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<sup>\*-</sup>only Friday morning traffic cases

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-11

Order Amending Appendix 1 to Administrative Order No. 20-09

Administrative Order No. 20-09 references in Appendix 1 the attorneys approved for appointment in juvenile offender cases. Attached hereto is Amended Appendix 1, which supersedes the Appendix 1 attached to Administrative Order No. 20-09. In all other respects, Administrative Order No. 20-09 remains in full force and effect.

This order is made and is effective this 11th day of March, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

cc: Hon. Amy Hanley

Hon. Sally Pokorny

Hon. Kay Huff

Hon. Mark Simpson

Hon. James George

Hon. Paul Klepper

Doug Hamilton

### **Appendix 1 (Juvenile Offender)**

Teresa Barr Juanita Carlson Kansas Legal Services Danielle Packer Craig Stancliffe Douglas County Legal Aid

#### **Appendix 2 (Limited Juvenile Offender – Level 1-3)**

Hatem Chahine Branden Smith Joshua Siden John Philip Crawford

### Appendix 3 (CINC)

Teresa Barr Samantha Harrington Kansas Legal Services Jessica Leffler Danielle Packer Craig Stancliffe

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-12

## Order Concerning Modification of Sentences and Requests for Bond Modification In Light of Immediate Health Concerns Presented by COVID-19

Until further order of the Court, due to information released by various local, state and federal agencies monitoring the status of the COVID-19 virus, and the continuing development for concerns as efforts to contain the spread of the virus are released, the following administrative order is hereby entered:

1) A) For all persons in custody in the Douglas County Jail serving a sentence pronounced by a judge of this district, the Sheriff of Douglas County is hereby authorized to adopt guidelines for determining whether a person in custody is at risk for being a carrier of, or actively suffering from, COVID-19. Upon making such a determination as to any individual in custody, and when the Sheriff determines that the overall circumstances warrant, for the, health, safety and/or security of j ail staff and/or other inmates, immediate release without further opportunity for hearing, the Sheriff is hereby authorized to personally serve the following statement to the person and to release the person for an automatic 14-day furlough.

"You are hereby notified that your sentence is being modified by special order of the Court due to identified concerns as to your health as it may be affected by the COVID-19 virus. You are therefore encouraged to seek independent medical advice and examination immediately upon release.

You must report to the jail on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020, at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ o'clock a.m./p.m., at which time you will resume the balance of your sentence, unless, at the time you present yourself, the jail determines you continue to present a risk to the health and safety of the staff or other inmates at which time you may receive an additional 14 day furlough.

You are prohibited, during this furlough, from using any illegal drugs or consuming alcohol. You will be subject to testing upon your return to the jail. If you test positive for

illegal drugs and/or alcohol, you may be subject to sanction by the court or subject to additional criminal penalties, either of which may result in further incarceration.

If you fail to report at the time and date above, a warrant may issue for your arrest and you will be held pending further hearing by the Court. Such failure to appear may also serve as the basis for additional criminal charges, including contempt."

The Sheriff shall execute a certificate of service for any person whom a furlough is granted stating the date and time served and file the same, along with a copy of the notice served, with the Clerk of the District Court. The Clerk's office shall notify the division judge where the case is assigned of any certificate of service filed in a case.

- B) If the Sheriff identifies a person as presenting a risk to the health, safety and security of jail staff and/or other inmates, but the Sheriff is not convinced immediate release is justified under the overall circumstances, then the process is described in paragraph 2 hereof shall be followed.
- 2) For any person in custody on a bond on pre-conviction status for whom the Sheriff determines presents a risk as described above, pursuant to paragraph 1.A., the jail will notify the division judge on whose order the person is in custody and request an immediate hearing.
  - a. The division judge shall be responsible for making any such request its first priority for hearing over any other court business. The Court will notify the District Attorney and, if the person in custody has counsel of record, will notify that counsel of the request. All counsel shall appear as directed for such hearing as the Court deems prudent under the circumstances.
  - b. If the Court determines that bond should be modified on an ex parte bases, notice of any such modification shall be immediately provided to counsel and the person shall be informed of a date to appear for court which may be modified as the Court later determines.

This order is made and is effective this 12th day of March, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

James R. McCabria

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-13**

Until further order of the Court, due to information released by various local, state and federal agencies monitoring the status of the COVID-19 virus, and the continuing development for concerns as efforts to contain the spread of the virus are released, the following administrative order is hereby entered:

- 1) No person shall be permitted to enter any courtroom, or hallway adjacent to any courtroom, unless that person is an attorney representing a party, a party or a person under subpoena as a witness for a case scheduled for hearing in this district. Any person permitted to enter under this order may not do so sooner than one hour prior to the time the matter for which their case is scheduled and may not remain for more than 15 minutes after their hearing is concluded, or the testimony for which they were subpoenaed to appear has been completed.
- 2) Parties who are appearing for a wedding scheduled with the court, or who are appearing for an adoption proceeding shall be permitted to have family and friends accompany them to the courtroom where such proceedings are scheduled.

This order is made and is effective this 12 day of March, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

day of March, 2020.

James R. McCabria

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-14**

Thomas Connors is hereby added to the panel of attorneys eligible for appointment to non-felony cases.

This order is made and is effective this 13th day of March, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

James R. McCabria Chief Judge

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-15

# ORDER REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This Order is being issued in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Douglas County, Kansas. For many this disease appears to cause only flu-like symptoms, for others it can pose a serious risk.

In February of this year, the centers of Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") issued "Interim Guidance" recommending that all employers consider how best to decrease the spread of COVID-19. On March 11, 2020, The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. On March 12, 2020, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly declared a state of emergency to address this developing threat.

This Court recognizes the significant number of identified and projected cases of COVID-19 and the severity of risk posed to the public, and we are working closely in conjunction with local public health authorities to actively implement necessary procedures to address current concerns. In consideration of all the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED that, effective Friday, March 13, 2020:

- 1. The Kansas 7th Judicial District courthouse remains open. Staff in the Clerk's Office will remain open for filings, including contact by telephone.
- 2. Nothing about this order affects filings made through the e-Flex system.
- 3. Any party, or their counsel, who has concerns about any non-jury court proceedings scheduled for an in-court appearance should feel free to contact the presiding judge regarding any request for continuance. Counsel and parties should feel free to request, where appropriate, appearances by telephone on all civil

matters and on any specially set non-evidentiary criminal matter. Criminal matters set on regular division docket calls remain as scheduled.

- 4. The Court is continuing to review the appropriateness of how these issues may impact any jury trial (criminal or civil) presently scheduled in this district. There are no jury trials scheduled for the week of March 16, 2020. Further administrative orders may issue that affect such trial settings, and individual divisions may take such actions as they deem appropriate to address any case in that division. The Court notes that the Clerk has already been contacted by citizens who have received summons for jury duty expressing concerns about having to appear as a result of concerns over COVID-19.
- 5. The Court will continue to hear matters at the courthouse as determined by the individual judge. Nothing in this Order affects the Court's consideration of any matters that can be resolved without oral argument or court appearance.
- 6. Court Services officers are hereby authorized to allow probationers to report by telephone and not in person to the courthouse.
- 7. All DNA swabs, urinalysis collection and testing, and home visits are immediately suspended until further order of the Court.
- 8. Visit <a href="https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/district-court">https://www.douglascountyks.org/depts/district-court</a> for up-to-date information on individual dockets. We will post all notices for each department online.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 13 day of March, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

James R. McCabria

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-16**

#### **Limiting Public and Media Access**

Administrative Order 20-13 addresses who may enter the courtrooms and/or adjacent hallways as it relates to parties, their attorneys/assistants and witnesses. This Order addresses permission to enter courtrooms and/or adjacent hallways for members of the public and the media. Until further order of the Court, and for the same reasons stated in Administrative Order 20-13 and 20-15, the following administrative order is hereby entered:

- 1) This Court recognizes that the Public and Press have a qualified First
  Amendment right of access to court proceedings. The Court also takes
  seriously its responsibility to administer the law with due regard for the
  balance of the rights of litigants, the public and the Court's ability to protect
  the integrity and safety of the proceedings.
- 2) With concerns for public health risks increasing on a daily basis, and with the goal of tailoring restrictions in the most narrow way to protect the balance of such interests, members of the media shall be permitted access to the courtrooms and adjacent hallways without special restriction. Except for criminal jury trials, members of the public shall not be permitted entry to courtrooms or adjacent hallways, except that, any person requesting such access may contact the Division judge in which the proceedings are scheduled and make application for authority to attend. Each judge shall give due consideration to such requests and make timely response to same
- 3) All persons may be subject to inquiry at point of entry about their recent/current health condition, to include recent travel schedule or other risk

factors. Court security may restrict persons from entering the courtrooms or adjacent hallways to perform such questioning and for such time as it takes to make a reasonable determination of whether permitting entry creates a risk to the health and/or well-being of others present in the courthouse.

This order is made and is effective this 13 day of March, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

James R. McCabria

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-17

#### ORDER REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This Order is being issued in response to the recent worldwide outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) which includes risk to the citizens of Kansas and Douglas County. The Court has already made certain findings as the basis for prior administrative orders of this district prompted by this same concern. Those reasons remain. Since then, the following additional events have occurred: On Sunday, March 15, 2020, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment issued guidelines to give the public guidance on who should self-quarantine to help prevent the spread of the virus. On Monday, March 16, 2020, the Kansas Supreme Court issued Administrative Order 2020 PR 15, supplementing Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020 PR 13, and providing even broader guidelines for judicial branch employees who should self-quarantine as part of the effort to combat the spread of the disease. Governor Kelly issued a declaration of a state of emergency on March 16, 2020. Nationwide travel bans have become more restrictive. Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control continue to restrict the size of groups of people for sustained periods and make other recommendations recommending social contact only as needed.

Other district courts in Kansas have already issued administrative orders restricting or limiting court hearings, including jury trials. These developments demonstrate circumstances that compel this District to implement procedures that will allow the Courts to continue to operate but to also protect the health and safety of litigants, counsel and judicial branch employee, as well as the general public, from the spread of the disease.

As regards jury trials, including criminal cases, the increasing restrictions and concerns that have continued to evolve reduces the ability to obtain an adequate spectrum of jurors without undue threat to the health and safety of everyone that would be involved in that process, to include the health and welfare of our citizen jurors, counsel, parties, witnesses (some of whom may have to travel from out of state) and court staff. Therefore,

the time period of the continuances impacted by this order is a concern that this Court cannot ignore and must address before permitting jury trials to occur. The Court specifically finds that the public health concern demands that the Court take all precautions to protect the health of the public and judicial branch employees alike.

In consideration of all the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED that, effective immediately, and until such time as these concerns can be resolved by the Court pursuant to subsequent orders:

- 1. Except as specifically excluded from this Order, all hearings in all cases currently pending in this District, to include all criminal and civil cases, including jury trials, are hereby postponed until further order of the Division Judge to which the case or matter is assigned. If a case or matter is presently set after June 1, 2020, the presumption is that those hearing dates will be preserved but the directive of Paragraph Two applies to all cases.
- 2. Except as provided in paragraph Five, counsel of record and self-represented litigants are ordered to contact the Division Judge's assistant where the case or matter is assigned concerning prospective scheduling of all hearing or trial dates affected by this Order.
- 3. For the most part, parties should anticipate that hearings will occur via telephone or video appearance where feasible and/or that hearing dates will be rescheduled to a date far enough in the future to permit full consideration of information as it develops regarding the virus and its spread, impact and treatment. Counsel of record and self-represented parties should consult with each other about how this Order affects any case management or scheduling order or deadlines previously entered and to make such requests as they deem appropriate.
- 4. Hearings that are not affected by this Order are:
  - a. Child In Need of Care (CINC) temporary custody hearings, including secure care and review of secure care hearings;

b. Juvenile offender detention hearings and offender detention review hearings.

c. Criminal first appearances scheduled at 3 p.m. each weekday;

d. Protection from Abuse/Protection from Stalking hearings scheduled at 1:30 p.m.

each Friday;

e. Care and Treatment cases pursuant to Chapter 59 as scheduled or to be scheduled.

5. All hearings on the following dockets scheduled between now and June 1, 2020, are

hereby continued:

a. Small Claims;

b. Traffic Court;

c. Limited Action first appearances (including evictions);

d. Department of Child and Family dockets scheduled in Divisions 2 and 5.

The Clerk of the District Court is hereby ordered to provide notices of hearing to

parties and counsel informing of new dates for matters set on these dockets but in no

event will that date be sooner than June 1, 2020.

6. The judges will still be conducting search warrant requests, probable cause reviews

of arrest warrants and initial bond determinations as before and such other necessary

functions as required or determined necessary.

7. To the extent any prior administrative order does not conflict with any aspect of this

order, that prior administrative order remains in full force and effect.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 17th day of March 2020

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-19

#### ORDER SUSPENDING WORK RELEASE

This District has issued a series of administrative orders in an ongoing, phased response to the concerns implicated by the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As information becomes available, new risk assessments are required.

The Douglas County Health Department has issued its Emergency Public Health Order effective at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, under authority granted by Kansas law, not limited to K.S.A. 65-119, K.S.A. 65-129b and K.S.A. 65-202, restricting residents to their homes except for "Essential Activities" as described therein;

There are now, as of this order, four confirmed cases of COVID-19 in this District;

Orders similar to the Douglas County Health Department Order have issued in districts neighboring this district and other orders of a similar nature are issuing in this State and in Missouri and other states:

This Court deems it necessary and appropriate to issue the following Order as part of the phased response to ongoing concerns for the safety of citizens, both those subject to custody by order of any judge of this district and otherwise.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, effective immediately and until further Order of the Court, all persons subject to an order remanding them to the custody of the Sheriff to serve a sentence in any criminal case in this district, which sentence authorized work release, the work release portion of that sentence is hereby suspended until further order of the Court. Any person who is out on work release at the time this order becomes effective shall be permitted to complete that work release as previously ordered but shall thereafter remain in custody.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 23rd day of March 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

James R. McCabria

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-20

#### Order Affecting Probate Proceedings and Notice During COVID-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS, Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-16, issued March 18, 2020, impacts virtually all cases pending in every district court in Kansas; and

The Order restricts the courts to a defined set of "emergency operations" that are defined in Paragraph 5 of the Order. The final bullet point of the final section of Paragraph 5 permits the courts to address "Any other matters that would require expeditious handling."; and

Probate matters frequently involve time-sensitive matters. Not just the care and well-being of individuals exemplified by guardianship/conservatorship proceedings, but preservation of assets that may be the product of a lifetime of work or provide needed resolution (and sometimes financial necessity) to heirs and legatees. Probate proceedings can impact the operation of charitable organizations, some of who provide invaluable and necessary services in the context of the current pandemic. Without belaboring the point, probate matters sometimes require expeditious handling; and

In combination with recent administrative orders of this district restricting access to the courthouse, and the Douglas County Health Department shut-in order, and the statewide executive shut-in order issued by Governor Kelly, the net effect of all these orders and the Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order (collectively herein "the Pandemic Orders") causes this Court to have concerns that the statutory manner of proceeding in probate cases, especially given the fact that parties (both represented and pro so) not infrequently hold their objections until they appear for the scheduled hearing, (i.e., there is no requirement that written objections be presented before a hearing date), may result in parties losing the opportunity to present objections; and

Rather than pushing those issues down the road hoping either they fade away or recognizing they can become fantastically more difficult and impactful as the result of delay, this Court finds that an administrative order addressing these concerns should issue.

WHEREFORE, until further order from the Kansas Supreme Court, or as modified by administrative order of this Court:

1) A party may receive a hearing date on any new probate matter filed in this district wherein a request is made in the petition, and the Court finds, that the matter requires expeditious handling. Parties should include such a finding in any proposed order submitted for approval.

2) Any notice of hearing for any new case to be set for hearing, including publication notice, should include the following language:

You are hereby notified that in consideration of Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-16, which temporarily affects district court proceedings as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, you are required to file a written objection or response not less than 3 business days prior to the hearing date.

You may wish to consult with an attorney regarding these matters. Pro Se litigants may fax file their objections at: 785-832-5174.

If you file a written objection or response, you must, on the same day as any objection is filed, or the next business day, contact the Division 4 administrative assistant via e-mail (twade@douglascountyks.org) or via telephone (785-832-5124) to notify the court of the filing and to get instructions on how to appear via telephone at the date and time of the hearing.

Only phone appearances will be permitted at this initial hearing. No appearances will be permitted to occur at the courthouse. If no objections are filed, or you fail to notify the Division 4 administrative assistant of your filing, the Court will proceed to consider the merits of the requested action and may enter such orders as it deems appropriate.

- 3) Any party filing an objection must, on the same day as the objection is filed, or the next business day, contact Division 4 administrative assistant via e-mail (twade@douglascountyks.org) or via telephone (785-832-5124) to notify the court of the filing and to get instructions on how to appear via telephone at the date and time of the hearing.
- 4) Only phone appearances will be permitted at the initial hearing. No appearances will be permitted to occur at the courthouse. If no objections are filed, or a party fails to notify the Division 4 administrative assistant of the filing, the Court will proceed to consider the merits of the requested action and may enter such orders as it deems appropriate without the appearance of the objecting party.
- 5) When the petition requests, and the Court finds, the matter requires expeditious handling, the court will still grant immediate hearings and orders when otherwise permitted by the Probate Code.
- 6) If a party has a case pending before the Court wherein the hearing date was scheduled as the result of an order entered on or before March 18, 2020, but not set to occur until on or after March 19, 2020, a request for expeditious handling and a new date and new notice conforming to the above requirements will be required. In that case, the notice should reflect "The hearing that is herein noticed is a new date for hearing on the same subject matter that was previously scheduled."

- 7) Where parties are able to submit agreed orders, and all required statutory or other notice is waived or otherwise satisfied, and the statutes otherwise permit proceeding in that fashion, the Court will consider such orders, provided the request is made, and the Court finds, the matter requires expeditious handling.
- 8) Where appropriate, and the circumstances make plain that a matter deserves expeditious handling, the Court may make the finding that the matter requires expeditious handling unilaterally and act on a petition or other request. In that event, the Court will include a 10-day period for a party to object to the Court's finding and the objection can be scheduled for hearing.
- 9) All initial hearings where parties request to or are required to appear will be conducted by phone only. Requests for waiving the appearance of parties will be liberally considered. For any subsequent hearings, the Court will give consideration to other means of appearing, not limited to video appearances and, in proper circumstances, personal appearances with proper safeguards in place (vis-à-vis COVID-19).
- 10) Jury trials, to the extent permitted (such as in Guardianship cases), will be considered on a case-by-case basis but may be delayed until such time as the Court finds that the health and safety of any venire/jury member, attorneys, court staff, clients, witnesses and others are not jeopardized by such proceedings.
- 11) To the extent they do not conflict with the provisions of this administrative order, the provisions of the Kansas Probate Code shall continue to apply to the processing of cases filed thereunder.
- 12) In any given case, parties remain free to argue why the circumstances of their case should not be subject to the requirements of this administrative order and the Court may so find.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 31st day of March, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

Chief District Court Judge

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-21**

Christopher Green is hereby added to the panel of attorneys eligible for appointment to non-felony cases and felony cases.

This order is made and is effective this 1st day of April, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-22**

Thomas Connors is hereby removed from the panel of attorneys eligible for appointment to non-felony cases.

This order is made and is effective this 6th day of April, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-23**

Administration of the Kansas Open Records Act

Pursuant to the Kansas Open Records Act, K.S.A. 45-215 *et seq.*, and Kansas Supreme Court Rule 1.03 (h), the court makes the following orders:

- 1. Kristopher Knowles, Administrative Assistant for Division 1, is appointed Freedom of Information Officer for the Seventh Judicial District. This appointment shall continue until revoked by the Chief Judge.
- 2. Whenever a request is made for access to public records in the custody of the Clerk of the District Court, an access fee of \$20.00 per hour (prorated by the quarter hour) may be charged for staff time required providing access to or furnishing copies of those records.
- 3. If the court determines help from a third party is required to respond to a records request –the third party's charge for that help may be imposed.
- 4. If the court determines that a professional employee needs to assist with responding to a request –A \$60 per hour fee for time may be imposed.
- 5. Costs of copying and certifying public records are set forth below:

Copies 25¢/page

Certifications \$10.00/document

6. Fees for transmitting documents are set forth below:

Pick up in person No charge

First-Class Mail 50¢ first 5 pages/25¢ each additional 5 pages

Faxed copies (limited to 15 pages) 50¢/page

Email No per page charge/fee may be charged to

prepare documents. Certified documents cannot be emailed and must be picked in person or

mailed

7. The official records custodian may waive any or all fees associated with responding to a request if the official custodian determines that only minimal time or effort is required to respond to the request and copies to be produced number five pages or less.

- 8. This order modifies and replaces any Administrative Order in relation to the Kansas Open Records Act requests.
- 9. The Clerk of the District Court is directed to post this order on the Clerk of the District Court website.

It is so ordered on this 10th day of April 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-24

Amending Administrative Order No. 20-20

## Order Affecting Probate Proceedings and Notice During COVID-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS, this Court issued its Administrative Order 20-20 after Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-16 issued March 18, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court amended that order when it issued Supreme Court Administrative Order 20-PR-32 which, *inter alia*, no longer includes reference to "emergency operations" but rather "essential functions" and includes a provision to permit the district court discretion to perform nonessential functions in a manner consistent with that order as local resources and circumstances allow;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Court deems it appropriate to modify AO 20-20 as follows:

Paragraph 8 is hereby modified to read as follows:

8) Where appropriate, and the circumstances make plain that a matter requires expeditious handling, and the court finds that local resources and circumstances allow the matter to be handled, the Court may unilaterally act on such a petition or other request. In that event, the Court may include a 10-day period for a party to object to the Court's finding and the objection can be scheduled for hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 20th day of April, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

Chief District Court Judge

#### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-25

#### Order Affecting Assignment of Cases Under Local Court Rule No. 1

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Chief Judge to determine case assignments or reassignments in this district in accordance with our local rules; and

WHEREAS, this district has determined that it best serves the interests of justice, the administration of law and the interests of our community to administer certain specialty courts, which, at the time of this order, includes Behavioral Health Court ("BHC")(presently Division Two) and Drug Court (presently Division Three); and

WHEREAS, this district has likewise determined that cases involving the care and treatment of persons pursuant to K.S.A. 59-2945, et seq. (concerning, the care and treatment of persons with mental illness) and/or K.S.A. 59-29b45, et seq., (concerning the care and treatment of persons with alcohol or other substance abuse problems) are most comprehensively administered and monitored by assigning them to a single division;

NOW, THEREFORE, the clerk is hereby directed that in assigning or reassigning cases pursuant to the directive of Local Court Rule No. 1, the following applies:

- 1) Cases filed pursuant to the care and treatment of persons pursuant to either K.S.A. 59-2945, et seq., or 59-29b45, et seq., ("CT cases") shall be assigned to Division Five, except that when the District Attorney's office provides notice to the clerk at the time of filing that the proposed patient has or had a case (past or present) assigned to BHC, the clerk shall assign the case to Division Two.
  - For any CT case assigned to Division Five, if that division discovers that the person had/has a current or prior BHC case with Division Two, upon the direction of the Division Five judge, the clerk shall reassign the case to Division Two.
- 2) When any defendant is accepted for participation in either BHC or Drug Court, the original division judge (if different from the division administering that specialty court) shall notify the clerk of that acceptance and the clerk shall then reassign the case to the division where the specialty court program is being administered.

If it is determined that the defendant who was accepted is no longer qualified to participate in the program, the division judge administering the program may direct the clerk to reassign the case to the division where it originated or keep the case for resolution.

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IT IS SO ORDERED this 18th day of May, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

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Chief District Court Judge

# IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-26

#### ORDER APPOINTING JUDGE PRO TEM

Pursuant to K.S.A. 2018supp. 20-310a Katherine E.M. Chlumsky is hereby appointed as Judge Pro-Tem in the 7th Judicial District. This appointment authorizes Katherine E.M. Chlumsky to perform the marriage ceremony for Benjamin Thomas Malotte and Blair Jennifer Russell on the 6th day of June, 2020.

This appointment is made in accordance with the limitations and procedures prescribed by law, and subject to any rules of the Kansas Supreme Court relation hereto.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 27th day of May, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

James R. McCabria

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-27

#### ORDER OF APPOINTMENT PURSUANT TO KANSAS SUPREME COURT RULE 221

Now on this 12th day of June, 2020, the Court has reviewed reports provided from Todd Butler as the result of his appointment pursuant to Rule 221 on the 21st of August, 2019, in Administrative Order 19-19. Having considered those reports, the Court finds it is necessary to continue his appointment with the same powers and for the same reasons as originally set forth in Administrative Order 19-19.

WHEREFORE, Todd Butler's appointment pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 221 for Janet McKillip, is hereby extended, all of his actions since the original appointment are ratified and approved, and he shall have continuing authority to act under this appointment.

The appointment shall be for a period of no longer than nine months and the Appointee shall provide the Chief Judge with a final accounting at the end of three months, unless an extension of the period appointment is requested and granted

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

ames R. McCabria Chief District Judge

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-28

Rescinding Administrative Order Nos. 20-20 and 20-24

## Order Affecting Probate Proceedings and Notice During COVID-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS, this Court issued its Administrative Order 20-20 after Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-16 issued March 18, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court amended that order when it issued Supreme Court Administrative Order 20-PR-32; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has now issued Administrative Order 20-PR-76, which, *inter alia*, now permits district courts to hold in-person hearings with no more than the amount of people who can remain socially distanced at least 6 feet apart throughout the courtroom, with appropriate cleaning between hearings;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Court deems it appropriate to rescind AO 20-20 and AO 20-24 and orders the following for all matters wherein parties request hearings (to include all civil, limited civil and probate matters):

For all matters on which counsel wishes to proceed to hearing, Counsel must comply with the requirements of all Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Orders relating to district court operations as they now exist or may be amended.

Whenever possible, hearings should be scheduled to allow appearance via phone or video conferencing, and the manner of appearing should be included in the notice of hearing.

Until further order from the Supreme Court, counsel is directed to give attention to Paragraph No. 3 as set forth in 20-PR-58 (requiring an order exempting a case from the suspension of deadlines and requires certain language in any notice of hearing) and Paragraph 1, bullet point 6 and Paragraph 6 of 20-PR-76 (requiring certain information be included in any order to appear for hearing).

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17th day of June, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

Chief District Court Judge

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-29**

Elizabeth Duncan is hereby added to the panel of attorneys eligible for appointment to non-felony cases.

This order is made and is effective this 15th day of July, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

James R. McCabria

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-30**

Cooper Overstreet is hereby added to the panel of attorneys eligible for appointment to non-felony cases and felony cases.

This order is made and is effective this 19th day of August, 2020

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

James R. McCabria

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-31**

Order Amending Administrative order No. 20-09

Administrative Order No. 20-09 is hereby amended for the purpose of updating the approved attorneys in such cases.

WHEREFORE the attached Appendices 1A, 2A and 3A are adopted as the approved attorneys for purposes of Administrative Order 20-09. This order supersedes any previous amendments to, and in all other respects affirms, Administrative Order 20-09.

This order is made and is effective this 1st day of September, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-32

#### ORDER APPOINTING ACTING CHIEF JUDGE

Pursuant to K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 20-329, in the absence of Chief Judge James McCabria, Kay Huff is hereby appointed as acting chief district judge of the 7th Judicial District to serve on September 1 through September 6, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 31st day of August, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-33 7TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT 2021 HOLIDAYS

The following dates have been approved as the holidays for calendar year 2021:

New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 18, 2021
Presidents Day	Monday, February 15, 2021
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2021
Independence Day	Monday, July 5, 2021
Labor Day	Monday, September 6, 2021
Columbus Day	Monday, October 11, 2021
Veterans Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25, 2021
	Friday, November 26, 2021
Christmas Day	Friday, December 24, 2021

Observance of these holidays by the district court may be deferred whenever observance of the holiday would interfere with judicial proceedings in progress.

BY THE ORDER OF THE COURT this 31st day of August 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

James R. McCabria Chief District Judge

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-34

#### ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL PROCESS SERVER

On this 24th day of September, 2020, upon the Motion of Sheriff Randy Roberts;

Plyger R. Delcampo, who is of legal age and meets the statutory requirements for process servers, is appointed as a Special Process Server and authorized to make service of process in cases generally during the period from September 24, 2020, through January 1, 2022, pursuant to K.S.A 60-303.

This order is made and is effective this 24th day of September, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

James R. McCabria

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-35 ORDER APPOINTING JUDGE PRO TEM

Pursuant to K.S.A. 20-310a, Branden Smith is hereby appointed as Judge Pro-Tem in the 7th Judicial District. This appointment authorizes Branden Smith to perform the marriage ceremony for Rachel Peterson and Todd Lavelle on the 10th day of October, 2020 and authorizes no other judicial authority.

This appointment is made in accordance with the limitations and procedures prescribed by law, and subject to any rules of the Kansas Supreme Court relation hereto.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 8th day of October, 2020

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

James R. McCabria Chief Judge

th Judicial District

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-36**

At her request, Elizabeth Duncan is hereby removed from the panel of attorneys eligible for appointment to non-felony cases.

This order is made and is effective this 19h day of October, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-37**

#### <u>Criminal Expungement Docket – Case Assignments</u>

- 1) Effective immediately, there will be a standing expungement docket in Division 4 on the third Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. In the event a petition for expungement is filed in any case, the division assignment of the case will not change, but the hearing on the petition shall be scheduled according to this order. Division 4 may, from time to time, adjust that docket as it deems necessary for management of the court's overall caseload.
- 2) Any expungement petition filed in any case on or before the first Monday of the month will be scheduled on that month's docket. Any petition filed after the first Monday of any calendar month will be scheduled on the following month's docket.
- 3) Regardless of the division assignment of the case for which expungement is sought, the Court Clerk shall:
  - a. Schedule the matter on the appropriate Monday docket in accordance with the above directive;
  - b. Send notice of hearing to the district attorney and the person filing the petition (except if represented by counsel, notice shall instead be provided to counsel). The Court Clerk shall not be responsible for sending notice to any other interested person or agency. Any such additional notice required pursuant to K.S.A. 21-6614 shall be the responsibility of the party as set forth in the statute.
  - c. The Court Clerk shall redirect any petition or proposed order for expungement, or any related filing, to the Division 4 e-flex queue for review and determination.
- 4) Any party may request that a hearing on a petition for expungement be heard by another division judge when there exists particular circumstances that the party believes justify such a request. In that event, the request should be directed to the attention of the Division 4 judge for determination.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

Chief District Court Judge

#### Order Modifying Appointed Panel List

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-38**

The following attorneys are hereby removed from panel of attorneys eligible for appointment to felony and non-felony cases:

- Joshua Seiden
- Keith White
- Juanita Carlson except that Ms. Carlson remains eligible to receive appointments on diversion and probation revocation cases.

This order is made and is effective this 19h day of November, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

ames R. McCabria

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-39**

#### ORDER SUSPENDING JURY TRIALS

#### And MODIFYING PFA/PFS DOCKETS

WHEREAS, this district, the Kansas Supreme Court and the Office of the Governor have found good cause to issue various administrative and/or executive orders pertaining to safely operating during the risks posed by the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, locally and nationally, the incidence of positive cases has recently demonstrated a meaningful increase, to include recent news reports that state health department data shows that Kansas averaged 2,767 new confirmed and probable coronavirus cases a day for the seven days preceding this Order; and

WHEREAS, the fairness of judicial proceedings can be adversely affected when participants are exposed to increased risk or concerns of being impacted by the virus; and

WHEREAS, jury trials and dockets that require large numbers of people to appear present particular concerns for increased risk of spread;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that, effective immediately:

- 1. Any jury trial presently scheduled to commence in this district prior to January 4, 2021, is hereby continued and removed from the docket. The affected parties should contact the division judge to determine or request when the case will be reset for a status hearing to reschedule the matter;
- 2. All cases presently on the traffic docket, normally set on Fridays in the Pro Tem Division, are hereby continued to a date after January 4, 2021. No new case will be set sooner than January 4, 2021. The Pro Tem Division shall provide notice of the date when the case will be rescheduled to all parties. In setting the new date, due consideration will be given to the number of cases that exist, to include the many cases that have already been continued as the result of the previous COVID-related continuances.
- 3. Any petition filed after the effective date of this order requesting relief pursuant to the Protection from Abuse Act or the Protection from Stalking, Sexual Assault or Human

Trafficking Act shall be noticed up for hearing via Zoom and appearances will occur via that format, except that, any person who does not have the technical ability to appear via Zoom will be permitted to appear in person. Depending on volume of petitions, and in light of the suspension of statutory time standards by prior administrative order of the Kansas Supreme Court, the judges should use their discretion to schedule cases so as allow for dockets that are size-appropriate to the risks involved.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 19th day of November, 2020

/s/ James R. McCabria

Chief Judge

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#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-40**

#### ORDER SUPPLEMENTING ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 19-19 executed by Chief Judge Peggy Carr Kittel on August 21, 2019 and Administrative Order 20-27 executed on June 12, 2020, appointed and extended the appointment of Todd B. Butler (Kansas Bar # 12711) to carry out certain actions;

WHEREAS, having been duly advised as to the status of the matters within the scope of those orders, and finding that there remains ongoing duties and actions necessary to fulfill the purpose of those orders,

NOW, THEREFORE, this Order issues to supplement and expand as necessary the authority previously granted Todd B. Butler to fulfill the previous orders of the court, to include the following actions as he deems necessary and appropriate:

- 1. Contact or attempt to contact individuals or entities identified as having an interest in funds held in trust accounts maintained by or in the law office of attorney Janet McKillip or her affiliated law firm including Collections Law Center f/k/a Pendleton & Sutton, LLC and/or Pendleton and Sutton Attorneys at Law, L.L.C..
- 2. Issue client, defendant or other third-party remittances as determined to be due and owing from trust accounts maintained by or in the law office of Janet McKillip or her affiliated firm including Collections Law Center f/k/a Pendleton & Sutton, LLC and/or Pendleton and Sutton Attorneys at Law, L.L.C..
- 3. Issue letters to clients or other third parties reporting the closure of the law offices and the submission of moneys to the Unclaimed Property Division of the Kansas State Treasurer.
- 4. Remit moneys to the Unclaimed Property Division of the Kansas State Treasurer.

The court further authorizes that Todd B. Butler be reimbursed from moneys due the McKillip Law Firm for expenses relating to the cost of accountant services in making out and mailing checks issued pursuant to this order.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT this 4th day of December, 2020.

/s/ James R. McCabria Chief Judge

James R. McCabria