## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF ILLINOIS PEORIA, TAZEWELL, MARSHALL, PUTNAM AND STARK COUNTIES

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020 – 10**

## CIRCUIT-WIDE RESTRICTIONS ON TRIALS AND ACCESS TO COURTHOUSES ARE CONTINUED THROUGH MAY 2020

1. For those reasons mentioned in numerous prior Covid-19 Supreme Court Orders (M.R. 30370), Administrative Orders within the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit\* and Executive Orders of the Governor of the State of Illinois (and announced plan to extend same through May of 2020), all dealing with the global pandemic, it is ORDERED:

2. No jury trials, civil, juvenile or criminal, may proceed in the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit through May of 2020. The attorneys and self-represented litigants are encouraged to agree upon new pre-trial and trial settings. Trial dates remain on the courts' dockets until continued, but they will not proceed to trial in May. Per Supreme Court Order(s) M.R. 30370, any trial continuance occasioned by such Orders shall be excluded from speedy trial computations. Statutory time restrictions applicable to same shall be tolled until further order of the Supreme Court.

3. Public/attorney access to the respective Courthouses for court related business is restricted through May 2020, and will be allowed only upon Order of the Chief Judge, or Presiding/Resident Circuit Judge of the respective County. If allowed a health screening may be conducted upon entry. As before, essential court staff may still appear during this time to conduct essential court/government business. **Regular court business and hearings** (except jury trials) **are being conducted and are still encouraged to be conducted remotely.** Please check with the respective courtroom judge/clerk for details, knowing that some courthouses may still be operating with a reduced staff.

4. Further courthouse guidance regarding public/attorney access and developments (e.g. face coverings, social distancing, precautions) will be posted when available at \* <a href="http://www.10thcircuitcourtil.org">www.10thcircuitcourtil.org</a> although public/attorneys should be prepared to wear face coverings.

ENTER: April 27, 2020 Gilfillan, Chief Judge