Court of Appeals of Ohio, Eighth District County of Cuyahoga

COURT OF APPEALS

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Clerk of Courts
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Journal Entry

In response to the Governor Mike DeWine's Executive Order 2020-01D Declaring a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 public health emergency and pursuant to the Court's inherent authority, on March 18, 2020, the Eighth District Court of Appeals hereby orders as follows:

- 1. The Eighth District Court of Appeals is continuing to conduct court business.
- 2. Effective March 18, 2020 through April 30, 2020, Loc.App.R. 21 is suspended and all oral arguments previously scheduled are converted to non-oral submissions and the Judges will decide cases on the briefs only. There will be no oral argument unless a party requests it in writing prior to the submission on brief date.
- 3. Any requests for oral argument will be considered by the court and scheduled for a later date to be determined by the court.
- 4. The court may direct that such rescheduled arguments be conducted pursuant to alternative oral argument arrangements as determined appropriate by the Court.
- 5. Local Rules will be amended and modified pursuant to Ohio Appellate Rule 41(B) as necessary to effectuate this entry.
- 6. During the period of the public emergency, employees of the court not on duty in the courthouse shall work, to the extent possible, remotely, and be available to report to work if necessary.
- 7. All individuals, including Court judicial officers and personnel, desiring to enter the courthouse may be subject to available health screening or testing and excluded from admission based upon the results of such screening or testing.
- 8. The court's Employee Manual and other policies and usual or customary human resource provisions may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court operations and functions.
- 9. The Court has the lawful and inherent authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the declared public health emergency.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

COURT OF APPEALS OF OHIO, EIGHTH DISTRICT

Hon. Eileen T. Gallagher

Administrative & Presiding Judge

3-18-2020

Dated