

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2020-5

PANDEMIC RELATED CURTAILED OPERATIONS

FOURTH AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Whereas, on April 2, 2020, the Governor of the State of Louisiana issued Proclamation Number 41 JBE 2020 (the “Order”), extending the original “Stay at Home” Order (Proclamation Number 33 JBE 2020) and directing “all individuals within the State of Louisiana” to “stay home unless performing an essential activity” until April 30, 2020, unless terminated sooner. While the Court performs functions essential to the administration of Justice and the Constitution and Laws of the United States, the statewide “Stay at Home” Order has a real and practical effect on the Court’s ability to obtain jurors and to summons witnesses, as well as counsel’s ability to attend in-person Court proceedings.

The following specific provisions of this Court’s Pandemic Order (Administrative Order 2020-1, 2020-2, 2020-3, and 2020-4) are amended as follows:

2. All civil evidentiary hearings and other in-court hearings and proceedings requiring personal appearances, on the dockets of the United States District Court and the United States Bankruptcy Court, set between the date of this Order and April 30, 2020 are hereby postponed, to be reset by, and at the discretion of, the presiding Judge.

10. Prescriptive, preemptive and statute of limitation deadlines are hereby suspended until April 30, 2020.

12. No in-person filings will be accepted through April 30, 2020 or until further order of this Court. Filings in sealed matters which are required to be filed conventionally (in-person) pursuant to administrative procedures shall be filed 1) by facsimile to (225) 389-3501 or 2) by sending an electronically signed pleading in PDF format via encrypted or secure email (if available) to sealedwb@lamd.uscourts.gov. Non-sealed pleadings and sealed pleadings that are not required to be filed conventionally pursuant to administrative procedures should not be submitted to this email box and must be submitted for filing through CM/ECF. Electronic filing via the CMECF system will be fully functional and help desk support will be available. Online resources are available at <http://www.lamd.uscourts.gov/>, via email at cmecfhelpdesk@lamd.uscourts.gov or via telephone at (225) 389-3552.

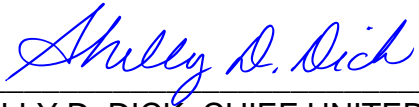
The specific provisions of Administrative Order 2020-4 regarding public access to video or telephone hearings pursuant to the CARES Act are hereby amended as follows:

The public may be permitted to access, to the fullest extent possible considering technological restraints, video or telephonic hearings provided for in this Order by submitting a request to the chambers of the presiding judge. Contact information for District Court is available at <http://www.lamd.uscourts.gov/>. Persons granted remote access to proceedings are reminded of the general prohibition against photographing, recording, and rebroadcasting of court proceedings. Members of the public and the media are strictly prohibited from photographing, recording or broadcasting any hearing, in whole or in part, in any fashion. Violation of these prohibitions may result in sanctions,

including removal of court issued media credentials, restrict entry to future hearings, denial of entry to future hearings, or any other sanctions deemed necessary by the court.

SO ORDERED this 8th day of April 2020.

FOR THE COURT:



SHELLY D. DICK, CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA