

**SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
(CHAMPAIGN, MACON, DEWITT, PIATT, MOULTRIE, DOUGLAS)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020 – 01**

**EMERGENCY ORDER – COVID – 19**

**Effective March 20, 2020 – April 10, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the individual counties within the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois entered administrative orders in response to the Coronavirus pandemic that placed limitations on the types of cases to be heard within specified time periods;

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Illinois Supreme Court entered an Order - *In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency, M.R. 30370*;

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois, J.B. Pritzker, issued a “stay at home” order requiring that Illinois residents remain in their homes except for essentials;

**WHEREAS**, Chief Judge Karle Koritz has determined that the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit shall follow the same essential procedure protocol in response to the Coronavirus pandemic in light of the foregoing;

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the following essential court procedures shall be followed within all courthouses within the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit:

The only mandatory hearings/court proceedings to be held within any 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit courthouse shall be as follows:

- Bond hearings and arraignments for individuals who are arrested and/or in custody
- Criminal trials with speedy trial demands and those in custody
- Summary suspension hearings
- Emergency and plenary petitions for protective orders (including, but not limited to, orders of protection, stalking, no contact, civil no contact and firearm surrender orders)
- Detention hearings for juveniles who are detained
- Shelter care and other essential hearings for juveniles who may have been abused or neglected
- Mental health hearings for involuntary commitment or treatment

Any case not covered by this order is hereby continued and a notice of hearing will be mailed to the litigants/attorneys of record at their last known address by the Circuit Clerk’s office in the county in which the case is pending. Litigants should ensure that their mailing addresses are current with their respective Circuit Clerk’s office.

This Order is effective from March 20, 2020 through April 10, 2020.

Entered this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



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Karle Koritz, Chief Judge  
Sixth Judicial Circuit