

**IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING OPERATIONS UNDER ADM2020-00428**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court issued IN RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC No. ADM2020-00428 [03/13/2020] declaring a state of emergency for the Judicial Branch of Tennessee and activating a Continuity of Operations Plan for all Tennessee courts; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court approved the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District's plan to reopen courts with restrictions to continue minimizing in-person appearances as provided by the Tennessee Supreme Court under the various iterations of ADM2020-00428 that have followed since 03/13/2020;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND DECREED:

1. Every effort shall be made to minimize in-court civil proceedings. In-court civil proceedings should be limited to contested matters or to announce default judgments.
2. Attorneys shall make every reasonable attempt to reach an agreement **prior to court**. For all agreements reached prior to court, the agreement should be emailed to the clerk's office by 4 p.m. on the day prior to the scheduled court date.
3. Settings for petitions to pay by installments, possession, and damages should be docketed five weeks after the judgment, or back on the same judge's docket, whichever occurs first.

Per Curiam

Knox County General Sessions Court Judges