

IN THE CRIMINAL AND GENERAL SESSIONS COURTS  
FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE: COVID-19

ORDER

The Knox County Criminal Court and General Sessions Court Judges find as

follows:

1. Every practicing attorney owes an obligation to take all measures necessary to protect not only his or her health, but the health of his or her colleagues, litigants, witnesses, and courtroom staff as well.
2. Any attorney who is aware that he/she has tested positive must follow the COVID-19 Guidelines established by the Knox County Health Department and such attorney shall not enter any Knox County Criminal or General Sessions Courtroom unless and until he/she has received confirmation, consistent with its written policy(s), from the Knox County Health Department that he/she is no longer contagious or at risk of transmitting COVID-19. This mandate shall apply whether the attorney is symptomatic or asymptomatic.
3. Pursuant to the Local Rules of Court, any attorney who knowingly violates the terms and conditions set forth within this Order is subject to punishment for contempt and/or subject to being barred from practice in the Criminal and/or General Sessions Courts of Knox County.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that the above findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted, ratified, and confirmed as and for the ORDERS of the Knox County Criminal Courts and General Sessions Courts as if set forth hereinafter verbatim.

FILED  
OCT 05 2020  
By: [Signature] Clerk

It is so ORDERED

ENTER this the 2<sup>ND</sup> day of October, 2020.

Steve Sword, by permission  
JUDGE STEVE SWORD

Kyle Hixson, by permission  
JUDGE KYLE HIXSON

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JUDGE G. SCOTT GREEN

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JUDGE ANDREW JACKSON, VI

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JUDGE PATRICIA LONG

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JUDGE TONY STANSBERRY