

**IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT MEMPHIS**

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**IN RE:**

**No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**JURY TRIALS  
IN CRIMINAL COURT**

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**ORDER MODIFYING PREVIOUSLY ENTERED ORDER ON JURY TRIALS  
DATED JULY 30, 2020**

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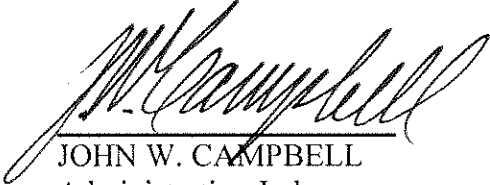
On April 25, 2020 the Tennessee Supreme Court issued an Order suspending jury trials across the State until July 3, 2020. On May 22, 2020 the 30th Judicial District submitted a comprehensive plan to the Supreme Court to re-open the courts to in-person proceedings and this plan was accepted by the Court. As part of that plan, the Criminal Courts acknowledged the July 3, 2020 suspension of jury trials. The Tennessee Supreme Court left to the discretion of the individual Judicial Districts whether they would extend the suspension of jury trials based on their unique circumstances. On June 16, 2020 this Court entered an Order extending the suspension of jury trials until August 30, 2020. On July 30, 2020 this Court extended the suspension of jury trials indefinitely subject to further review by this Court.

While the problems still exist from the continued COVID 19 pandemic, this Court recognizes that there may be some cases that exist where the defendant's constitutional rights to trial by jury could be accommodated in a safe manner. For this reason, this Court's Order of July 30, 2020, completely suspending jury trials, is hereby modified to

allow the individual judges of this Judicial District the ability to decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether a jury trial can be safely conducted. Each judge will make this decision based on the individual case characteristics as well as all guidelines from the CDC and the Shelby County Health Department. This Order will be effective beginning October 1, 2020.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

ENTERED this 1st day of September 2020.

  
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JOHN W. CAMPBELL  
Administrative Judge

**PER CURIAM**