

Dear NHAJ Members:

We are in uncharted waters with the global pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus. Government recommendations change daily, as does the situation in New Hampshire and nationwide. Please know that NHAJ is continually monitoring the situation and government recommendations and our priority is to provide all of you uninterrupted member benefits and continued service, while doing everything we can to protect our employees, you, our members, and all of your families.

The CDC and other health authorities recommend taking precautions to minimize the potential for exposure to this virus to tamper spread of the virus.

Consequently, NHAJ is taking the following actions:

- NHAJ offices are open for business as usual but will be operating remotely. Calls and emails will be answered, bills will be paid, the website and listserv will be maintained, educational webinars will continue, the Trial Bar News will be published, resources and referrals will be available by phone and email, and we will be monitoring the situation in the government and legislature, providing you with updates.
- All Executive Committee and Board of Governors meetings will be held telephonically.
- The legislative breakfast scheduled for April 2, 2020 and the How a Bill Becomes a Law CLE planned for April 2020 have been postponed until next year.
- As of today, the following events and CLEs will continue as scheduled, but we are monitoring the situation and will notify you if they are cancelled, postponed, and rescheduled:
  - Here Come The Judges CLE – May 15, 2020
  - Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner – June 4, 2020
  - Workplace Wrongs CLE – June 11, 2020
- All Peer Groups should meet telephonically until further notice.

If you are in need of assistance for your family or your office during this time, please call NHAJ or any of its officers and we will either provide or help you find the services you need to get through this trying time.

We are committed to making plans for safety and business continuity and will continue to pursue our mission and respond to member needs.

We recommend visiting the following websites for more information on the disease and on operations in the NH Judicial Branch and Federal Government:

- NH Judicial Branch Order on Court Proceedings:  
<https://www.courts.state.nh.us/press/2020/in-person-court-proceedings.htm>

- NH Bar Association Legal Updates on Court Proceedings:  
<https://www.nhbar.org/nh-judicial-branch-response-to-covid-19>
  
- US District Court District of New Hampshire Update:  
<http://www.nhd.uscourts.gov/content/information-regarding-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-and-court-operations-0>  
  
<http://www.nhd.uscourts.gov/pdf/ADM%201%2020-4.pdf>
  
- NH Department of Health and Human Services:
  - General Information:  
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov.htm>
  - Daily Updates:  
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/2019-ncov-updates.htm>
  
- US Center for Disease Control:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>
  
- World Health Organization (WHO) website:  
<https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>
  
- Pandemic Preparedness:  
<https://www.ready.gov>

Thank you for following government recommendations. Be safe and stay well.

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