



IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AO-2020-5 (PHASE 3)
RE: January 2021 Update

This Administrative Order provides an update as to the status of the provisions of Amended Administrative Order No. AO-2020-5 (Phase 3) - Temporary Modification filed December 2, 2020; amends and modifies the Memorandum to all judges and judicial staff dated November 18, 2020, regarding "courtroom/personnel assignments," and clarifies AO-2020-20 regarding reassignment of Special Judges.


1. In-person proceedings will resume January 11, 2021. It is absolutely essential, however, that all judges, at all times, manage their courtrooms so as to enforce social distancing (six (6) feet or more), the proper wearing of masks (noses being covered as well as mouths), and being vigilant as to removing persons from your courtrooms who are not necessary to the proceeding. Bailiffs are also responsible for enforcement of these protocols both in their respective courtrooms and the hallways outside of their courtrooms. A maximum of fifty (50) persons in a courtroom will be authorized if the foregoing protocols are in place.
2. Judges and judicial staff are authorized to close their judicial suites, offices to the public, subject to any exceptions set by the individual judge.
3. Jury trials will resume February 1, 2021. Jury trials will be conducted pursuant to AO-2019-13 (Third Amended Fiscal Year 2021 Jury Schedule) filed September 30, 2020 and AO-2019-19 (Fiscal Year 2022 Jury Schedule) filed September 30, 2020.
4. The updated procedures due to increase in COVID-19 infections in Tulsa County and surrounding areas, dated November 18, 2020, shall remain in full force and effect except as modified herein.

5. The provisions of the Memorandum (to all judges and judicial staff) dated November 18, 2020, regarding "Courtroom/Personnel Assignments" is amended and modified as follows:
 - a. District Judge Huber is now located in Courtroom 111.
 - b. District Judge Keely is now located in Courtroom 401.
 - c. The Domestic Violence Misdemeanor Judge is now located in Courtroom 413.
 - d. The FED/Small Claims docket will remain in its present courtroom at the Family Center for Juvenile Justice Center until April 1, 2021.
 - e. Drug Court will remain in Courtroom 112 until April 1, 2021.
6. AO-2020-20, filed December 10, 2020, regarding reassignment of Special Judges, is clarified as follows:

---Special Judge Bill Hiddle's reassignment includes all duties previously handled by Judge Anthony Miller – which includes, as it always has, Family Division duties relating to parenting plan conferences, child support enforcement (Rocket Docket), and agreed divorces and Probate Division duties that include ex parte emergency guardianships and annual reports filed 7-1-2016 and after on permanent guardianships.

All other provisions of Administrative Order AO-2020-5 (Phase 3) issued July 31, 2020, remain in full force and effect until further order of the Court, except as modified herein.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


William LaFortune
Presiding Judge