

**IN THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
STATE OF TENNESSEE / METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE - DAVIDSON COUNTY
(PROBATE DIVISION)**

**IN RE:
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

BLANKET ORDER No. _____

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**ORDER REFERRING CERTAIN CASES TO SPECIAL MASTER
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

For judicial economy, and pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court order No. ADM2020-00428 which "does not prohibit court proceedings by telephone, video, teleconferencing, email, or other means that do not involve in-person contact" and which "does not affect courts' consideration of matters that can be resolved without in-person proceedings," this Court hereby issues this blanket order pending further order from this Court.

Any new petitions for letters of administration, petitions to probate a will (for full admin or for muniment only, but common form only and attested wills only), petitions to reopen estates, petitions to appoint an administrator ad litem, name change petitions, and small estate affidavits shall be referred to and heard by Special Master Scott Pilkinton, and he shall either rule on a case transferred by acting under the authority of T.C.A. § 17-2-123(a) without a hearing or by telephonic hearing, or decline to hear the case and send the case back to Judge Kennedy pursuant to Local Rule 39.03.

It is **SO ORDERED**.

This order is entered **on this day, the 17th day of March, 2020**.



Judge Randy Kennedy