

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

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FIRST EMERGENCY ORDER)
REGARDING THE COVID-19)
STATE-OF-EMERGENCY)

MAR 25 2020



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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-02

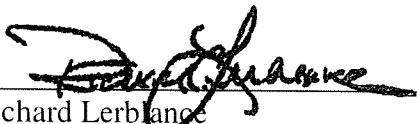
1. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief, David Hill issued Executive Order No. 20-01 on March 13, 2020, declaring a State-of-Emergency within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation resulting from the COVID-19 virus and its threat to citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Nation’s employees, and the population generally.
2. The purpose of this Administrative Order is to clarify the temporary procedures to be followed within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court and to encourage social distancing in an effort to limit unnecessary risk of exposure to the Nation’s judicial officers, court clerks, court personnel and the public.
3. Subject only to Constitutional limitations, all deadlines and procedures prescribed by statute, rule, or order respecting appellate rules and procedure shall be suspended until **Friday, May 1, 2020** (subject to additional Emergency Administrative Orders issued by this Court, as needed). Should a party’s deadline or procedure fall during the suspended period, the party’s new deadline shall be Friday, May 1, 2020 (subject to additional Emergency Administrative Orders issued by this Court, as needed).
4. For all emergency matters and/or emergency filing inquiries, a party should contact one, or all, of the following Court staff members:
 - a. Connie Dearman, Court Clerk – cdearman@mcnsupremecourt.com,
 - b. Laura Marks, Deputy Court Clerk – lmarks@mcnsupremecourt.com,
 - c. Joshua Atwood, Staff Attorney – jatwood@mcnsupremecourt.com.

Please explain the nature of the emergency action and the Court staff member will advise the procedures required to safely file the action with the Court, or notify you that the action will be subject to the suspension detailed in paragraph 3.

5. The Office of the Supreme Court Clerk will be closed to the public until after the suspension period is lifted on May 1, 2020 (subject to additional Emergency Administrative Orders issued by this Court, as needed). The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall have the discretion to modify in-office staff schedules, to require teleworking, or any other options to facilitate the safety of the Judicial Officers, staff, and the public. All contacts with the Court should be through electronic means, at the email addresses detailed above during the suspension period (unless instructed otherwise).

6. Prospective MCN Bar Applicants may continue to submit their Application Packets to the Court as detailed in the Application instructions. However, these Applications will be held until after the suspension period is lifted on May 1, 2020 (subject to additional Emergency Administrative Orders issued by this Court, as needed). In the event a Prospective MCN Bar Applicant is also submitting an emergency matter (as detailed in paragraph 4), the Prospective MCN Bar Applicant should contact Deputy Court Clerk, Laura Marks at lmarks@mcnsupremecourt.com, and explain the nature of the emergency and, if appropriate, instructions will be provided to the Prospective MCN Bar Applicant for safely submitting the Application, required documentation, and payment to the Court for immediate consideration.
7. For questions concerning Supreme Court administrative items, or billing for services provided to the Court, please contact Court Clerk, Connie Dearman at cdearman@mcnsupremecourt.com.
8. For questions concerning filed cases, the Court's website, or general legal inquiries, please contact Staff Attorney, Joshua Atwood at jatwood@mcnsupremecourt.com.
9. This Administrative Order is subject to revision and/or extension as may be required during the Nation's State-of-Emergency.
10. This order shall go into effect at 12:01 p.m., CST, on March 25, 2020.

FILED AND ENTERED: March 25, 2020


Richard Lerblance
Chief Justice

CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY

I hereby certify that on March 25, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Administrative Order was delivered via electronic mail and regular USPS mail, postage prepaid, to the following Muscogee (Creek) Nation government officials: Principal Chief, Second Chief, National Council, District Court Judges, Attorney General, and Human Resources. A true and correct copy of the foregoing Administrative Order was also e-mailed to the Mvskoke Media and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Bar Association President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer on March 25, 2020.



Connie Dearman, Court Clerk