



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BENTON, DALLAS, HICKORY, POLK AND WEBSTER COUNTIES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RESPONSIVE TO SUPREME COURT ORDER OF  
MAY 4, 2020  
ON PHASES ONE, TWO AND THREE (eff. May 16, 2020)**

WHEREAS on March 13, 2020, Missouri Governor Parson declared that a state of emergency exists in the state of Missouri to address the spread of COVID-19 and to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS effective April 6, 2020, Missouri Governor Parson made effective a “Stay Home Missouri” Order to combat the spread of COVID-19 in Missouri which remained effective through May 3, 2020. On April 27, 2020, Governor Parson announced that Missouri would enter an initial recovery phase beginning May 4, 2020, and issued the Show Me Strong Recovery Order, effective until May 31, 2020, requiring persons and businesses to comply with social distancing requirements, including maintaining six feet of space between individuals, but otherwise allowing all businesses to reopen with recommended safety precautions; and

WHEREAS on March 16, 2020, the Presiding Judge of this Circuit issued an Administrative Order providing strategies to prevent the spread of respiratory germs into, within, and between court facilities which shall remain effective and posted at each courthouse; and

WHEREAS on March 22, 2020, and April 1, 2020, the Missouri Supreme Court issued Orders suspending in-person court proceeding with the following exceptions:

- Proceedings necessary to protect the constitutional rights of criminal defendants, including the right to a speedy trial, and the rights afforded under section 544.676.3;
- Proceedings pursuant to chapters 210 and 211 pertaining to juvenile delinquency and abuse, neglect, and termination of parental rights;
- Proceedings pursuant to chapter 453 pertaining to adoption;
- Proceedings in which civil or criminal jury trials are already in progress as of March 16, 2020;