## SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (CHAMPAIGN, MACON, DEWITT, PIATT, MOULTRIE, DOUGLAS)

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020 – 03

## **EMERGENCY ORDER - COVID - 19**

## **Effective Immediately**

**WHEREAS**, 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Administrative Order 2020-01, entered on March 20, 2020, restricted courthouse operations and placed limitations on the types of cases to be heard through April 10, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Administrative Order 2020-02, entered on March 24, 2020, continued all jury trials within the circuit to no earlier than April 20, 2020, as authorized by Illinois Supreme Court Order *M.R.* 303070;

**WHEREAS**, on March 30, 2020, President Trump announced that federal social distancing guidelines would be extended nationally through April 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor Pritzker entered Executive Order 2020-18 which extended the state disaster proclamation and stay-at-home order through April 30, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, Chief Judge Karle Koritz has determined that the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Administrative Order 2020-01 and 2020-02 should be extended for the protection of courthouse staff and the public in conformity with federal and state orders and guidelines;

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** with respect to all courthouses within the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit:

- 1. All provisions of Administrative Order 2020-01 are extended from April 10, 2020 through April 30, 2020.
- 2. All provisions of Administrative Order 2020-02 are extended until May 18, 2020. All jury trials are continued until no earlier than May 18, 2020.
- 3. The Presiding Judges of the respective counties, upon consultation and agreement of the Sheriff of said county, may authorize further measures to be implemented to reduce the number of persons having in-person contact within the judicial system offices of their respective counties.

This Order is effective immediately.

Entered this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2020.

Karle Koritz, Chief Judge Sixth Judicial Circuit