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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

16A JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

THE SIXTEEN A JUDICIAL DISTRICT (COMPRISED OF ANSON, RICHMOND AND SCOTLAND COUNTIES) DISTRICT COURT SCHEDULING CHANGES DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY CHIEF JUSTICE CHERI BEASLEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT

1. All pending criminal cases scheduled to be heard through June 1, 2020 shall and will be continued until after June 1, 2020 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF:
 - a. First Appearance Hearings.
 - b. Bond Hearings.
 - c. Probable Cause Hearings.
 - d. Probation Violation Hearings.
 - e. Limited Driving Privileges.
2. Those matters will be scheduled on Monday and Friday of each week in each county beginning at 9:30 AM.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONTACT HEARINGS.

1. Ex Parte Domestic Violence (50B) and 50C hearings should be scheduled to be heard before a District Court Judge during a scheduled Criminal District Court Session if possible.
2. As usual, if a District Court Judge is unavailable, a magistrate may hear and rule on the Ex Parte Motions and if granted, that Order shall be scheduled to be heard before a District Court Judge at the next scheduled District Court Criminal Session in that County.

CIVIL DISTRICT COURT

1. All civil matters/hearings/trials currently scheduled to be heard through June 1, 2020 are hereby **CANCELLED** with **EXCEPTION OF**:
 - a. Emergency Custody Proceedings.
 - b. Preliminary Injunction Proceedings.
 - c. Temporary Restraining Proceedings, and
 - d. Any civil hearing that, with the consent of all the parties and the presiding judge, can be heard remotely and through video, telephonic, or internet means.
 - e. Those matters shall be scheduled on a Monday and Friday of each week beginning at 9:30 AM.

CHILD SUPPORT COURTS

All Child Support Sessions in the 16A Judicial District are **CANCELLED** until after June 1, 2020.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY COURTS

1. Juvenile Delinquency Court Sessions shall remain scheduled as usual in each county but shall be limited for the following matters.
 - a. First Appearance Hearings.
 - b. Probable Cause Hearings.
 - c. Secured Custody Hearings.
 - d. Any other emergency issues

Those matters are scheduled on Monday and Friday of each week beginning at 9:30 AM. To the extent possible, and within the guidelines set out in the COVID-19 mandates, hearings are to be conducted remotely.

2. All other cases/matters/hearings shall be continued until after June 1, 2020.

DSS COURTS

1. DSS Courts shall remain scheduled as usual in each county but only to hear **EMERGENCY** and **TIME-MANDATED** matters. All other matters not falling into these two categories shall be continued until after June 1, 2020.
2. The DSS Court Dates for each county will continue according the six months schedule and are as follows:
 - A. **Anson-**
 1. April 22-
 2. May 6-
 3. May 20-

B. Richmond-

1. April 21-
2. April 28-
3. May 5-
4. May 12-
5. May 19-

C. Scotland-

1. April 16-
2. April 30-
3. May 14-
4. May 28-

MAGISTRATES AND MAGISTRATE'S COURT

1. The Magistrate's Offices in each county shall continue to follow their usual office hour schedules.
2. All currently scheduled Magistrate Court Trial Sessions set to be heard up until June 1, 2020 are hereby CANCELLED and shall be rescheduled to be heard after June 1, 2020 with proper notice to all parties.
3. Any weddings to be performed by the Magistrates are to be scheduled by appointment and all social distancing practices are to be followed. Additionally, guests are limited to two witnesses.

CUSTODY MEDIATION PROGRAM

1. The custody mediation program shall continue to operate under the LIMITED PROCEDURES ONLY
 - a. Face to Face Orientation Sessions and Mediation Session are cancelled until after June 1, 2020.
 - b. The Court encourages participation in Orientation Sessions and Mediation Sessions by and through REMOTE video, telephonic or internet communications to be scheduled by mediator.

CASE/HEARING RESCHEDULING PROCEDURES

1. The Clerk's and Magistrate's Offices in conjunction with the District Court Judges' Office, shall notify all parties as soon as possible that their cases have been cancelled, postponed, or continued until after June 1, 2020.

JUDGES' SCHEDULE

1. That the Judges' schedule published separately will apply. Additionally, Judges are assigned to be available by phone as needed according the Judges' resident counties.

Anson	Judge Sophia Crawford
Richmond	Judge Chevonne Wallace
Scotland	Judge Chris Rhue

Chief Judge Amanda (Amy) Wilson is available for all three counties.

This order may be AMENDED at any time if deemed necessary by the Chief District Court Judge.

All Terms and Conditions of this order are EFFECTIVE as of 6:00 PM April 21, 2020 which continues the operating plan currently in place.

This the 21 day of April 2020.



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