

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**December 28, 2021**

Whereas, Chief Judge Getty has issued an Administrative Order returning Court Operations to Phase III beginning December 29, 2021 and Continuing through February 9, 2022, and

Whereas, this local Administrative Order will assist parties and counsel determine which matters remain on the Court's docket,

It is

**ORDERED, that :**

1. the following matters listed as exhibit "A" remain on the Court's calendar;
2. all multi-day contested trials ( civil and criminal) are postponed;
3. all family law merits cases are postponed
4. that requests for remote participation in other proceedings will be considered upon the filing of a written motion for such participation;
5. that criminal jury trials scheduled between these dates shall remain on the docket as status hearings;
6. that all civil jury trials set between these dates are to be rescheduled;
7. that to the extent possible, Family Services will continue to provide services on a remote basis;
8. any request for emergency relief will be handled on a case by case basis as the situation allows;
9. This Order will be updated and revised as necessary.

**Julie S. Solt**

**Dec 29, 2021**

# Exhibit "A"

## **PHASE III: CIRCUIT COURTS**

### **CIVIL:**

- (1) emergency evaluation petitions
- (2) quarantine and isolation petitions
- (3) emergency Habeas Corpus petitions
- (4) body attachments
- (5) temporary restraining orders
- (6) scheduling conferences
- (7) status conferences
- (8) on the record appeals
- (9) motions requiring witness testimony
- (10) settlement hearings
- (11) attorney disciplinary proceedings
- (12) any other matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

### **CRIMINAL:**

- (1) bail reviews, bail reconsiderations, and bench warrants including matters involving locally incarcerated defendants, consistent with the *Administrative Order Guiding the Response of the Trial Courts of Maryland to the COVID-19 Emergency as it Relates to Those Persons who are Incarcerated or Imprisoned*, filed April 14, 2020
- (2) arraignments for detained defendants
- (3) extradition cases
- (4) matters addressing competency; criminal responsibility issues not requiring witness testimony status; and discovery and *Hicks* issues
- (5) plea agreements without recommendations for sentences of incarceration
- (6) motions
- (7) expungements

- (8) violation of probation hearings
- (9) non-jury trials
- (10) jury prayer status hearings
- (11) sentencings previously deferred
- (12) any other matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

**FAMILY:**

- (1) scheduling conferences
- (2) status conferences
- (3) uncontested divorces and other uncontested family law matters
- (4) domestic violence protective orders
- (5) domestic violence, peace, and extreme risk protective order appeals
- (6) family law emergencies that have been determined to require an expedited hearing, including time urgent matters related to special juvenile immigrant status
- (7) emergency issues in guardianship matters
- (8) temporary restraining orders
- (9) default hearings
- (10) exceptions hearings not requiring witness testimony (uncontested or consented to or requiring legal argument only)
- (11) resume handling of temporary domestic violence protective order petitions during court hours
- (12) motions requiring witness testimony
- (13) pendente lite hearings
- (14) contempt proceedings
- (15) adoptions
- (16) guardianship – non-emergency
- (17) child support matters: establishment
- (18) settlement hearings
- (19) court-ordered mediations

- (20) any other matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

**JUVENILE COURT: CINA (DEPENDENCY)**

- (1) shelter care hearings
- (2) CINA matters, including, if not contested and/or by proffer, adjudications, dispositions, permanency plan, and permanency plan reviews
- (3) Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) by consent and/or by proffer
- (4) exceptions hearings (uncontested or consented to or requiring legal argument only)
- (5) Family Treatment/Recovery Court review hearings
- (6) guardianships under juvenile causes
- (7) adoptions concerning CINA and TPR juveniles
- (8) all matters and motions that are contested and/or requiring testimony
- (9) exceptions hearings requiring witness testimony
- (10) contested TPR proceedings
- (11) any other matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

**JUVENILE (DELINQUENCY)**, with priority scheduling for those juveniles: turning 21 within 90 days of the beginning of Phase III; returning from placement; with issues with permanency plans; closures of cases; and possible placement on the juvenile and/or adult sexual offender registries

- (1) juvenile detention hearings
  - (2) peace order petitions (juvenile respondents only)
  - (3) arraignments and first appearances
  - (4) emergency delinquency hearings, including motions related to juveniles who are detained, committed pending placement, or committed, consistent with the *Administrative Order Guiding the Response of the Circuit Courts Sitting as Juvenile Courts to the COVID-19 Emergency as it Relates to Those Juveniles who are Detained, Committed Pending Placement or in Commitments*, filed April 13, 2020
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- (5) adjudication with agreed to-plea and/or by proffer
- (6) disposition with consent and/or by proffer
- (7) disposition reviews
- (8) delinquency juvenile treatment plans and reviews
- (9) closure of probation and jurisdiction of Juvenile Court not requiring testimony
- (10) juvenile expungements
- (11) juvenile permanency plans and reviews, if not contested or by proffer or both
- (12) exceptions hearings
- (13) all matters that are contested and/or requiring testimony
- (14) motions
- (15) juvenile and adult sex offender registration matters
- (16) waiver hearings, including to and from Juvenile Court
- (17) any other matters that can be handled remotely or without testimony or both

**PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS**, including drug, mental health, family/dependency recovery, DUI, veterans', juvenile drug, and truancy courts.

Any other matters that can be scheduled, heard, or resolved with this interim order are encouraged to be addressed by the circuit courts during Phase III.