

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

WESTERN DISTRICT

IN RE: :  
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT :  
REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY : No. 23 WM 2020  
JUDICIAL ORDER :  
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1. Kim Berkeley Clark, President Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, having previously declared a judicial emergency in the District through June 30, 2021, hereby requests the following relief by Order of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court:

a. Authorize the President Judge to extend the current judicial emergency in the Fifth Judicial District and take any actions authorized by Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(2) through August 31, 2021.

b. Suspend or modify statewide procedural or administrative rules in this judicial district as follows:

- 1) Suspend application of Pennsylvania Rule of Criminal Procedure 600 through August 31, 2021 to the extent consistent with constitutional limitations.
- 2) Suspend application of the Pennsylvania Rules regarding the use of Advanced Communication Technology subject to constitutional limitations provided that judges and judicial officers are present in court facilities during the proceedings.

2. The circumstances necessitating this request for an emergency judicial order are those related to the existing COVID-19 public health emergency in the District. This request is to extend the current judicial emergency which began on March 16, 2020

through August 31, 2021.

3. To the extent possible and practical under the circumstances, notice of this request for an emergency judicial order has been or will be:
  - posted on the Fifth Judicial District's website
  - submitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts for publication pursuant to Rule of Judicial Administration No. 1952(C)(5)
4. Interested parties are advised that objections to any emergency judicial order issued by the Supreme Court should be transmitted to the Supreme Court Prothonotary.



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Kim Berkeley Clark  
President Judge

Dated: June 25, 2021