

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MCCLAIN COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

AO-2020- 8

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Effective December 7, 2020 - December 31, 2020 (unless further extended by the Court)

Pursuant to SCAD No. 2020-107 entered by the Oklahoma Supreme Court and Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals on November 23, 2020, the District Court of McClain County continues to issue orders implementing emergency procedures to address the challenges raised by the COVID-19 pandemic. In support thereof, the Court issues the following temporary orders:

1. The District Court of McClain County suspends all in-person proceedings, with the exception of the following:
 - Emergency hearings;
 - Arraignments;
 - Agreed pleas that would result in an incarcerated defendant being released from custody or transferred to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections;
 - Protective Order hearings;
 - Juvenile matters with statutory time frames pending;
 - Mental Health cases; and
 - Any other case type that must be heard within a statutory deadline that will expire during the pendency of this Administrative Order.
 - All other cases will not be scheduled for in-person hearing during the effective period of this order, but may be submitted to the Court for ruling upon the pleadings or scheduled for hearing by teleconference or videoconference, if the assigned judge requests or permits in accordance with 20 O.S. 130 and District Court Rule 34.
2. Court Staff – all staff employed by the District Court of McClain County will, upon approval by their supervisor, either: (1) work remotely using email and call forwarding; (2) report for work at the McClain County Courthouse; or (3) report that annual leave was taken during the time frame of this order.
 - If a court reporter is requested for any of the proceedings outlined in subsection (1), the requesting party shall notify the judge assigned to such matter a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours prior to said hearing.
3. Judges - Judges will remain available to handle emergency matters as they arise.
4. Courthouse Entry - Only judges and court employees will be allowed into the Court Clerk's Office, bailiffs' offices and judges' chambers. Only parties and attorneys representing

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Kristel Gray, Court Clerk

parties qualifying for hearing under subsection (1) will be allowed in the courtroom during said hearing. Boxes for judges' pleadings and Court Clerk filings will be available for use at the courthouse entrance. Judges will be signing orders regularly, and the requested orders will be returned by mail or returned to the courthouse entry for pick-up if specifically requested.

5. Plea Procedure – Any and all pleas outlined in subsection (1) will be taken remotely. Therefore, it is imperative that all plea paperwork be completed and signed by all parties, including the defendant, prior to plea.
6. Duration – This Administrative Order will remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2020 unless extended further by supplemental order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED!



LEAH EDWARDS,
Judge of the District Court