

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Augusta Bar Association  
FROM: Judges of the Augusta Circuit Juvenile Court  
DATE: March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
RE: Court activity during Judicial Emergency

First, we thank our employees, our contract attorneys, the bar, and all public and private agencies who support the operations of our circuit's Juvenile Courts for your gracious understanding. During this anxious and unprecedented time, we ask for your patience as we act to protect the health and safety interests of all those who have business with our court. Present changes in our public services are made to achieve the goal of reducing exposure to communicable disease.

In accordance with the existing judicial emergency orders of our Superior Court, the Supreme Court, and directives from our hosting counties, we have decided to dramatically limit contact with the public to reduce disease exposure and transmission. There will be limited public access to Juvenile Court offices for the foreseeable future. You should attempt to contact the county juvenile court office to determine if circumstances warrant access or if an appointment is required. If the office is unstaffed during periods of this crisis, please contact the duty Judge for essential matters.

Court action will be extremely limited and based upon the liberty or safety interests demonstrably present in any matter. Private counsel who believe they have a matter that falls within these general guidelines should contact the office/duty judge for a determination if essential attention is required. State attorneys who work frequently with our court should do as well.

These changes should be expected to last until further notice. They also will remain subject to change based upon conditions in our community. Our best wishes to you all for a healthy return to normalcy in the very near future.

The Judges of the Juvenile Court of the Augusta Judicial Circuit.

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