

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF NORFOLK

In re: JURY TRIALS IN THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNED CASES:

CL19-3860

CL19-6345

CL19-12851

CL20-1360

CL19-10284

CL19-747

CONTINUANCE ORDER

As recited in detail in the Governor's Executive Order effective Monday, December 14, 2020, our region and the Commonwealth at large are experiencing alarming increases in COVID-19 case counts, positivity rates, and hospitalizations. The expected post-Thanksgiving surge in cases has been realized, and experts predict that this December holiday season will lead to even more coronavirus spread than Thanksgiving.

Virginia courts remain subject to the Period of Judicial Emergency, which commenced on March 16, 2020 and has been extended through January 3, 2021, by the Fourteenth Order of Judicial Emergency entered by Chief Justice Lemons on December 3, 2021.


This Court has been approved for resumption of jury trials and has safely concluded many civil and criminal jury trials since receiving authorization in August of 2020; however, the deteriorating pandemic conditions warrant a brief suspension to coincide with the period of the Governor's Executive Order.

Therefore, all jury trials scheduled for the month of January 2021 are hereby CONTINUED. Counsel are DIRECTED to contact Wendy Spivey, Judicial Docket Administrator at wspivey@vacourts.gov or 757-664-4594 for new trial dates.

The Court intends only to assign a new jury trial date: all remaining dates in the Scheduling Orders will remain unchanged unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

The Clerk is DIRECTED to send a copy of this Order to all counsel of record in the above cases.

Enter: 12/17/2020


Mary Jahe Hall, Chief Judge