

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WARREN COUNTY
THIRD SPECIAL ORDER FOR CONDUCT OF COURT DURING
COVID-19 EMERGENCY

ORDER

UPON CONSIDERATION of the Virginia Supreme Court's Third Order Extending Declaration of a Judicial Emergency and the Governor's Declaration of State of Emergency and Stay-at-Home Executive Order, it is hereby further ORDERED as follows:

The terms of the Special Order entered April 1, 2020 remain in effect.

For civil cases, the Court will schedule, as time permits, hearings on civil matters that are **not emergencies** to be heard before June 12, 2020, provided the following conditions are met: 1) all parties, attorneys and witnesses agree to the hearing within this time frame and during the State of Judicial Emergency, 2) the hearing will be conducted remotely, meaning parties, counsel and witnesses will appear by telephone or secure audio-visual communication, and 3) none of those participating remotely are gathering together in a group of ten or more individuals to participate. The Court has the capability now to a) conduct multi-participant telephone conferences, b) conduct conferences by phone or video through Webex, and c) conduct conferences by video (including through smartphones) with attorneys only through Polycom.¹ These hearings can be arranged by calling or emailing JoAnn Seal at the Warren County Circuit Court Clerk's Office at 540-635-2435 or jseal@vacourts.gov.

In all other respects, the terms of the April 1, 2020 Special Order remain in effect.

This Order shall be an order applicable to any case affected by its terms and will be considered the Court's Order in that case continuing that matter as set forth herein. The Clerk shall place a copy of this Order in the file of each affected case.

ENTERED

April 23, 2020

JUDGE

ⁱ A party or witness could appear with the attorney by Polycom – practicing social distancing, but we cannot give separate access to Polycom to a party or witness (except law enforcement or other governmental employees who may already be permitted access).