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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-13
SIXTH AMENDMENT

IN RE: OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR TRANSITION TO PHASE 2

WHEREAS, Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC20-32, Amendment 5, provides standards for transition to and from various phases and procedures and data sources to support decisions concerning in-person court proceedings under benchmark criteria 3.

WHEREAS, Leon County's public health data under benchmark criteria 3 demonstrates daily case averages over twenty new cases a day and two consecutive weeks of increase for the seven-day average of new cases, requiring reversion to Phase 1 or amendment to the operational plan as per the requirements in Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC20-32, Amendment 5.

By the authority of Rule 2.215, Florida Rules of Judicial Administration, Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC20-23, Amendment 8, and Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order AOSC20-32, Amendment 5, it is therefore **ORDERED** that the operational plan of the 2d Circuit is amended:

Paragraph 5.c.(6), pertaining to Leon County, is amended as follows:

> Leon County's operational plan for in-person court proceedings shall be amended to cancel the jury trial scheduled for November 30, 2020, and all jury trials scheduled in December 2020. Jury trials are the relative highest risk events of the very limited in-person court proceedings being conducted in the 2d Circuit.

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All other impending in-person court proceedings have been carefully reviewed and are determined at this time to be relatively low risk due to the comprehensive health and safety measures being followed.

Paragraph 5.d.(3), pertaining to Wakulla County, is created as follows:

Wakulla County's operational plan for in-person court proceedings shall be amended to cancel all jury trials scheduled in December 2020. Jury trials are the relative highest risk events of the very limited in-person court proceedings being conducted in the 2d Circuit.

All other impending in-person court proceedings have been carefully reviewed and are determined at this time to be relatively low risk due to the comprehensive health and safety measures being followed.

Paragraph 5.e., pertaining to the Leon County Grand Jury, is amended as follows:

The Leon County Grand Jury has been canceled for December 2020. The Grand Jury may reconvene in January 2021, in coordination with the 2d Circuit State Attorney, subject to approval by the Chief Judge and amendments to the operational plan.

Paragraph 5.f., pertaining to Gadsden and Liberty Counties, is amended as follows:

Liberty County.

Limited in-person attendance at court proceedings in Liberty County may be approved by the Chief Judge after consultation with the assigned judge, Office of Court Administration for required resources and support staff, and other Constitutional Officers or their delegates as appropriate to ensure that the benchmark criteria and mandatory requirements are met.

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Paragraph 5.g., pertaining to Gadsden County, is amended as follows:

Gadsden County.

(1) Limited in-person attendance at court proceedings in Gadsden County may be approved by the Chief Judge after consultation with the assigned judge, Office of Court Administration for required resources and support staff, and other Constitutional Officers or their delegates as appropriate to ensure that the benchmark criteria and mandatory requirements are met.

(2) Gadsden County's operational plan for in-person court proceedings shall be amended to cancel all jury trials scheduled in December 2020. Jury trials are the relative highest risk events of the very limited in-person court proceedings being conducted in the 2d Circuit.

DONE and ORDERED in chambers in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, this 25th day of November, 2020.

JONATHAN SJOSTROM
Chief Judge

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