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IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: GENERAL
DIVISION OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that because of the ongoing public health crisis caused by COVID-19, it has issued a series of orders, starting March 16, 2020, in which it suspended all jury trials, except upon limited circumstances, through the effective dates as set out in each order; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that it last issued an order on July 27, 2020, suspending all jury trials through 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2020; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the State of Ohio Public Health Advisory System for COVID-19 currently lists Montgomery County at Risk Level 3; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the COVID-19 public health crisis continues to evolve, affecting the normal operation and the predictable scheduling and presentation of jury trials to the court; and

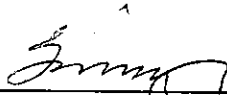
IT FURTHER APPEARING that in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, it wishes to continue its efforts to protect the health and safety of all persons participating in matters before the court, including litigants, attorneys, jurors, witnesses, law enforcement personnel, members of the public, representatives of the news media, as well as members of court staff; and

UPON DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the court's Administrative Order of July 27, 2020, suspending all jury trials through December 31, 2020, is extended through 11:59 p.m. on March 27, 2021, except that jury trials may be conducted when unique and unavoidable circumstances are presented and considered on a case-by-case basis, including speedy trial provisions, in which case a judge shall determine whether such trials will

proceed, provided the judge follows the court's full and conscientious COVID-19 mitigation protocols, including the enhanced cleaning and sanitation of court facilities, the personal hygiene and health conditions of all participants, and consideration of other public health protocols.

This Administrative Order shall be provided to the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Ohio Judicial Conference, the Montgomery County Clerk of Courts, the Montgomery County Prosecutor, the Montgomery County Public Defender, the Montgomery County Sheriff, and the Dayton Bar Association. This Order shall also be available through the court's website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Gregory F. Singer, Administrative Judge