

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF DONALSONVILLE
STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER ESTABLISHING GUIDLELINES FOR CONDUCTING JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS IN
THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF DONALSONVILLE, GEORGIA DURING THE
STATEWIDE JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

By order entered May 19, 2020, T. Craig Earnest, Chief Judge for the Superior Court of the Pataula Judicial Circuit and Henry L. Balkcom, IV, Judge for the Superior Court of the Pataula Judicial Circuit adopted guidelines for the conduct of Judicial Proceedings during the Statewide Judicial Emergency (the "Order"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". It is hereby ordered that the procedures set forth in the aforesaid Order are hereby adopted and approved for the conduct of Judicial Proceedings in the Municipal Court for the City of Donalsonville.

It is ordered that the Clerk of this Court shall provide notice of the issuance of this Order to the public by any means available, including but not limited to, the posting of this order at Donalsonville City Hall and the Seminole County Courthouse.

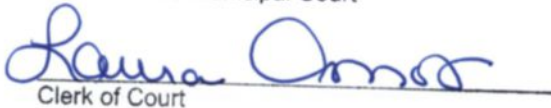
ORDERED this 25th day of June, 2020.



Honorable Joshua C. Bell
Judge, Municipal Court of Donalsonville
State of Georgia

Prepared by the Court

Filed this 25 day of June, 2020
Donalsonville Municipal Court



Clerk of Court

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF THE
PATAULA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT INCLUDING
THE COUNTIES OF CLAY, EARLY, MILLER, QUITMAN,
RANDOLPH, SEMINOLE AND TERRELL
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: Guidelines for the Conduct of
In-Person Court Proceedings

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ORDER

Whereas, the Governor has determined that a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Georgia due to the novel Coronavirus/Covid-19, and the ongoing public health state of emergency as declared by the Governor in various recent orders including orders on March 14, 2020, and April 8, 2020, and a statewide judicial emergency exists as declared by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia on March 14, 2020, and April 6, 2020, and pursuant to the Chief Justice's May 11, 2020 Order extending the state of judicial emergency through June 12, 2020, the Judges of the Superior Courts of the Pataula Judicial Circuit, adopt the following Guidelines for the conduct of in-person criminal, civil and accountability court proceedings.

These Guidelines are made with a view to allow the Court to, in the words of Chief Justice Melton, "dispose of all judicial matters promptly and efficiently, including by insisting that court officials, litigants, and their lawyers cooperate with the Court to achieve that end, although this obligation must not take precedence over the obligation to dispose of matters fairly and with patience, which requires sensitivity to health and other concerns raised by court officials, litigants and their lawyers, witnesses and others" and shall remain in effect through the duration of the statewide judicial emergency. These Guidelines shall be posted at the public entrance of each courthouse in the Pataula Judicial Circuit and a

EXHIBIT "A"

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copy provided to the Sheriffs and Clerks of the Superior Courts. These Guidelines shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

GUIDELINES

1. Persons entering the courthouse shall be subject to screening by court security which shall include a body temperature scan and asking certain health-related questions. The following persons shall not be admitted into the courthouse
 - A. Persons who have been diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19;
 - B. Persons who have within the last 30 days had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19;
 - C. Persons with a temperature of more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit;
 - D. Persons who are experiencing, or have within the last 30 days experienced, respiratory illness including shortness of breath, persistent cough, or sore throat;
 - E. Persons who have been asked to quarantine by any healthcare provider or persons who reside with someone who has been asked to quarantine by a healthcare provider.
2. Persons who are not admitted into the courthouse for any of the above reasons shall be provided with alternative means of observing court proceedings.
3. Persons entering the courthouse shall:
 - A. be required to wear a mask that covers his or her mouth and nose;
 - B. remain 6 feet away from other persons;
 - C. sit only in the seats assigned inside the courtroom;
4. Parties, their attorneys and court officials are encouraged to wear a mask but may appear in court without a mask.
5. Persons who have been subpoenaed as witnesses may be asked to remain outside of the courthouse or seated in a designated area until a court official calls you in person or over your telephone to enter. If a person who has been subpoenaed as a witness has experienced any of the conditions in Item 1 above, please notify a court official.
6. If person is an older adult, at risk for severe illness, or has asthma, HIV, Liver Disease, or is pregnant or breastfeeding, or a person who is at risk for COVID-19 because of genetic predispositions, or if your health care providers have instructed you to refrain from attending gatherings of people, then you are strongly encouraged not to enter the courthouse.
7. Pursuant to Chief Justice Melton's May 11, 2020 Order, the Court may limit the number of occupants in the courthouse, interior areas, and courtrooms based upon their size.
8. The Court may impose other rules in addition to these Guidelines in order to promote the health and safety of the public, litigants and their lawyers, and court personnel.

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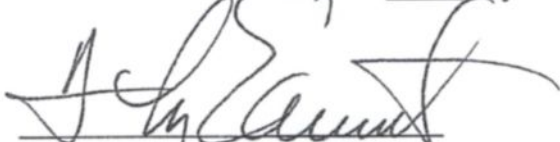
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With regard to the Service of this Order:

- A. the respective Sheriffs of Clay, Early, Miller, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole and Terrell Counties shall post a copy of this Order on their public notification site and in the courthouses;
- B. the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve Chief Justice Harold D. Melton of the Supreme Court with a copy of this Order, such service to be accomplished via email to Tee Barnes, the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia, at barnest@gasupreme.us; and
- C. the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve a copy of this Order on the judges and clerks of all classes of court sitting within the Pataula Judicial Circuit and on the clerks of the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court, such service to be accomplished through reasonable means to assure expeditious receipt.

So ~~ORDERED~~, this 19 day of May, 2020.


T. Craig Earnest
Chief Judge of Superior Courts
Pataula Judicial Circuit


Henry L. Balkcom IV
Judge of Superior Courts
Pataula Judicial Circuit

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