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**CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS AND
FIRST CITY COURT AMENDED EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER
FEBRUARY 24, 2023**

Acting in accordance with Louisiana Constitution Article V, Section 1; pursuant to La. R.S. 1:55, and the inherent power of this Court, and in consideration of the fact that there was a fire in the Court building on Sunday, February 12, 2023 that requires continued remediation, and in consideration of other health and safety risks for the public and court staff, Judge Bernadette G. D'Souza, acting on behalf of the Judges En Banc,

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DISTRICT COURT
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Hereby Orders That:

1.

The building at 421 Loyola Ave. which houses the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, First City Court, the District Court Clerk of Court, the First City Court Clerk of Court, offices of the Civil Division of the Orleans Parish Sheriff, self-help service desks provided by the Pro-Bono Project, Southeastern Louisiana Legal Services, and the Family Justice Center, and the First City Court Constable, will remain closed until all necessary environmental and safety procedures are completed. More specific information about a reopening date will be communicated once these processes are completed.

2.

The Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans may proceed via video conference, via Zoom or Skype, with the consent of the parties and the judge. Consent shall not be unreasonably withheld by any party, which shall be enforced by the trial judge pursuant to the authority granted by the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Article 191, or as expressly provided by the law. The parties by consent may request a judge trial via a Zoom or Skype platform.

3.

The parties' appearing via video conference must comply with the submission deadlines set forth in Rule 9.9 of the District Court Rules.

4.

The Clerk of Civil District Court will temporarily relocate its Civil Filing location to 1340 Poydras Street, 4th floor, to accept filings in person. You may still fax file your document in accordance with La. R.S. 13:850, to (504) 592-9128 or (504) 592-9117. Attorneys can continue to electronically file (e-file) pleadings via the remote access system.

5.

The First City Court will be closed on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 and working remotely February 15, 2023 through the reopening of the building. Hearings, motions, and trials, other than evictions, will be conducted virtually. The section of court to which the case is assigned will contact the parties.

Evictions scheduled through Friday, February 24, 2023 are continued. The continued cases will be rescheduled and the parties contacted.

Evictions scheduled on Wednesday, March 1, and Friday, March 3, 2023 will be conducted at the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court located at the Juvenile Justice Center, 1100-B Milton Street, New Orleans, LA as per the notices issued.

6.

The Clerk of First City Court will temporarily relocate its filing location to 1340 Poydras Street, 4th floor, to accept filings in person. You may still fax file your document in accordance with La. R.S. 13:850 to the following temporary Fax number (504) 900-0931 to be used February 15, 2023 until the building reopens.

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7.

The Constable of First City Court will temporarily relocate its operations to 1340 Poydras Street, 4th Floor. The Constable's office may be reached via telephone at 504-523-3258.

8.

Second City Court and its offices located at 225 Morgan St. in Algiers will remain open and operate solely from the location on the Westbank.

9.

Jury Impanelment, scheduled on March 3, 2023 will take place as scheduled, from 9am – 1:00pm, inside of the City Council Chambers, located at 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70112. Further information will be sent to summoned jurors via text or email and will be located on the Court's website.

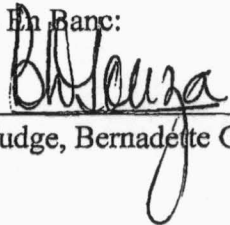
10.

Members of the public, the bar, and parties to cases are encouraged to check the website of the Division, Section, or Office of the Court where their case is assigned for further information.

If conditions indicate that the Court needs to adjust this order, notice will be posted on the Court's website (<https://orleanscivildistrictcourt.org>), the Louisiana Supreme Court website (www.lasc.org), and in the news media.

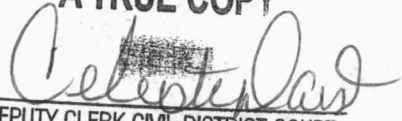
New Orleans, Louisiana this 24th day of February 2023

For the Judges En Banc:



Acting Chief Judge, Bernadette G. D'Souza

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