

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

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 Monique Barial, acting on behalf of the Judges En Banc,

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 be closed on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 through Tuesday, February 21, 2023. The building shall re-open on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

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 but will hold eviction hearings at the Lakefront Airport located at 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70126, on the 2nd floor beginning Wednesday, February 15, 2023 through Friday, February 24, 2023. The First City Court Duty Judge will also be available at this location until 3:00pm.

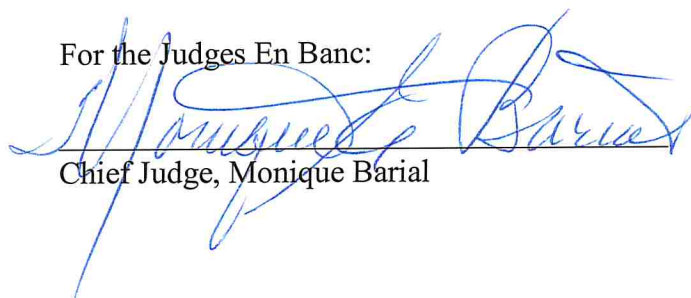
6.

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. Evictions previously scheduled for hearing on February 15, 2023 and February 22, 2023 at 421 Loyola Ave. will be held at the Lakefront Airport located 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd. New Orleans, LA 70126, on the 2nd floor.

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 13th day of February 2023

For the Judges En Banc:



Chief Judge, Monique Barial