

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

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*Dianne Mosley*  
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CHATHAM COUNTY, GA

In Re: ]  
] ]  
Declaration of Judicial Emergency ]

ORDER

The undersigned Chief Judge of Superior Court for the Eastern Judicial Circuit of Georgia does hereby declare the existence of a judicial emergency in this circuit. The nature of this emergency is due to Hurricane Dorian which is expected to affect this judicial circuit September 3, 2019 through at least September 5, 2019. The undersigned makes this declaration in conformance with the Executive Order issued by Governor Brian Kemp dated September 1, 2019 at 8:53 p.m., declaring a mandatory evacuation effective at noon September 2, 2019 for areas of Georgia including Chatham County, along with the decision of the Savannah-Chatham public schools' decision to suspend all classes. Accordingly, it is the order of the court that the Chatham County Courthouse be closed for business September 3, 2019 through September 5, 2019 and to reopen for business on Friday September 6, 2019. For purposes of clarity, this Order also encompasses the Juvenile Court Courthouse.

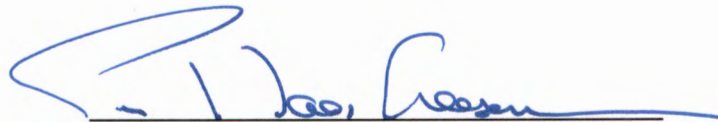
During the period when the Chatham County Courthouse is closed the court hereby suspends, tolls, extends, and otherwise grants relief from all deadlines or other time schedules or filing requirements imposed by otherwise applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, including, but not limited to:

- (1) A statute of limitation;
- (2) The time within which to issue a warrant;
- (3) The time within which to try a case for which a demand for speedy trial has been filed;
- (4) The time within which to hold a commitment hearing;
- (5) A deadline or other schedule regarding the detention of a juvenile;

- (6) The time within which to return a bill of indictment or an accusation or to bring a matter before a grand jury;
- (7) The time within which to file a writ of habeas corpus;
- (8) The time within which discovery or any aspect thereof is to be completed;
- (9) The time within which to serve a party;
- (10) The time within which to appeal or to seek the right to appeal any order, ruling or other determination; and
- (11) Such other legal proceedings as may be determined to be necessary.

Because of the uncertainty surrounding the nature of the impending emergency insofar as the severity and time period is concerned, the Court is unable to designate another facility for the transaction of court business at this time. Should the state of emergency extend beyond the period indicated above, the court will make a determination of an available, appropriate facility for the conduct of court business.

SO ORDERED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2019.



Penny Haas Freesemann, Chief Judge  
Superior Court, Eastern Judicial Circuit

cc: Chief Justice, Georgia Supreme Court  
All Judges and Clerks of Court  
District Attorney  
Chairman Chatham County Commission  
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