

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PROBATE DIVISION
BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO

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CASE NO. ~~PI86-02-2980~~
BUTLER COUNTY COURT
JUDGE RANDY T. ROGERS

TEMPORARY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19
(CORONAVIRUS) PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

Randy T. Rogers, Judge of the Probate Division of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas make the following Findings of Fact:

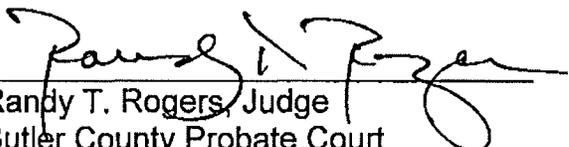
1. On March 9, 2020 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D "Declaring a State of Emergency" in response to the growing COVID-19 public health crisis.
2. On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of the virus.
3. Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Probate Division of the Court of Common Pleas has developed a continuum of flexible responses in case the public health crisis escalates. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Probate Division Local Rules of Court may be temporarily adapted to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.

2. The Probate Division security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential court functions.
3. The Butler County Probate Court Personnel Policy Manual provisions may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court operations and functions.
4. The Judge of the Probate Division of the Butler County Court of Common Pleas authorizes the use of audiovisual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings, the use of such devices and technologies to be determined by the assigned judicial officer on a case by case basis.
5. The public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of good cause for continuances deemed necessary by the assigned judicial officer on a case-by-case basis.
6. The Court will have the lawful authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the declared public health emergency.

March 13, 2020


Randy T. Rogers, Judge
Butler County Probate Court