

The Supreme Court of Ohio

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

June 29, 2022

[Cite as *06/29/2022 Administrative Actions #2, 2022-Ohio-2223.*]

In re Notary Requirements for Domestic-Relations, Juvenile, General, and Probate Forms entered June 8, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Court issued an Order on June 8, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing courts and parties to substitute certain forms requiring notarization under the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure, the Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure, and the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio (Administrative Action 2020-Ohio-3226);

WHEREAS, COVID vaccines have been widely available to the public for over a year with more than 70% of Ohio adults receiving at least one vaccine dose in that time;

WHEREAS, public-health and government officials, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and Ohio Department of Health have recognized a “new phase” of the COVID-19 pandemic in which they have eliminated mandates and relaxed guidance formerly in place to address the pandemic;

WHEREAS, more options exist now for obtaining socially distanced notary services, including mobile notaries, online notaries, and private appointments, so that notarization is available even to those for whom it is still advisable or desired to maintain social distancing;

NOW THEREFORE, the Court hereby orders the following:

The Court’s June 8, 2020, Order titled In re Notary Requirements for Domestic-Relations, Juvenile, General, and Probate Forms is hereby rescinded effective 11:59 P.M. on June 30, 2022.