

In the Chancery Court  
for the First Judicial District

In Re: The Chancery and Probate  
Courts for Carter County, Johnson  
County, Unicoi County, and Washing-  
ton County

Order Regarding the  
Suspension of In-Person  
Court Hearings

This matter came before the Honorable John C. Rambo, Chancellor for the First Judicial District of Tennessee, upon the filing of that Order Suspending In-Person Court Proceedings filed by the Supreme Court of Tennessee on March 13, 2020.

The Court, under the circumstances, finds it necessary to set forth the information that is specific to the Chancery Courts for the First Judicial District.

The Chancery Courts for the First Judicial District shall remain open and will be accepting filing and carrying on the business of the Court as usual, subject to the provisions of that Order entered by the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Chancellor Rambo will be in office in Jonesborough during regular working hours, and will make appearances as necessary to preserve the function of Chancery Court in the other counties of the district. Teleconferences may be conducted at the discretion of the Chancellor.

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Sarah Lawson, Clerk and Master

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It is therefore, Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed as follows:


1. In-person court proceedings are suspended until April 1, 2020, in the Chancery Court for the First Judicial District.
2. Any follow up hearings on emergency or injunctive relief, and/or Orders of Protection granted during the suspension will be heard on April 1, 2020, in Courtroom #5 of the George P. Jaynes Justice Center according to the following schedule:
  - a. 9:00 a.m. Washington County cases,
  - b. 10:30 a.m. Carter County cases,
  - c. 1:00 p.m. Johnson County cases,
  - d. 2:30 p.m. Unicoi County cases,

All requests for emergency or injunctive hearings for all counties should be directed to Stephanie Radford, Judicial Assistant to Chancellor Rambo at (423) 788-1436.

3. All cases currently set for hearing or trial between March 16, 2020, and March 31, 2020, are hereby continued and will be given new court dates by the clerk of the county where the case is filed. No fee for this continuance shall be assessed during the suspension. Attorneys do not need to contact the clerk's offices for new hearing dates; the Court will contact each representative or unrepresented party to reschedule the matter.

4. All Child Support Enforcement cases set in Unicoi County on March 20, 2020, are hereby continued until April 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
5. The Court waives any filing fees associated with facsimile filing through March 31, 2020, at midnight.
6. The Court will allow parties to file via signed pdf. All documents filed by signed pdf shall be file stamped at the time received by the respective clerks.
7. Attorneys are encouraged to limit their appearances at the Clerk and Master's offices and to file new cases through a postal service. Any subsequent filings may be filed by scanned pdf copy through email to the following individuals:
  - a. Washington County: Sarah Lawson at [slawson@washingtoncountyttn.org](mailto:slawson@washingtoncountyttn.org),
  - b. Carter County: Melissa Moreland at [clerkandmaster@cartercountyttn.gov](mailto:clerkandmaster@cartercountyttn.gov),
  - c. Johnson County: Sherrie Fenner at [sfennerclerkandmaster@outlook.com](mailto:sfennerclerkandmaster@outlook.com),
  - d. Unicoi County: Teresa Simerly at [unicoichancery@gmail.com](mailto:unicoichancery@gmail.com).
8. The Clerk and Master of each county shall file this Order and send, via email or other means, to each attorney practicing in their respective counties.

*So Ordered*, this 13th day of March 2020.



Chancellor John C. Rambo