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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

**FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER REGARDING
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
CREATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

On March 16, 2020, this court entered an Order recognizing the exigent circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic and issued an order concerning court operations for the Louisiana Western District. On March 17, 2020, this court entered a First Supplemental Order restricting public access to our intake counters in our offices located in Alexandria, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe and Shreveport.

The Court reiterates and adopts the findings on this matter contained in the prior orders. The Court further finds that the pandemic continues and indeed may not have reached its peak in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other public health authorities continue to recommend social distancing as a means of limiting further community spread of COVID-19.

In light of these findings and recommendations, the Court orders the following:

IT IS ORDERED all provisions of the “Order Regarding Court Operation Under The Exigent Circumstances Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic” issued on March 16, 2020, and the “First Supplemental Order Regarding Court


Operations Under The Exigent Circumstances Created By The COVID-19

Pandemic” issued on March 17, 2020 are hereby extended through May 31, 2020.

1. Any events involving the Court that are not case-specific, including, but not limited to, continuing legal education courses, public tours, administration of oaths to attorneys, and naturalization ceremonies conducted by the Court which are scheduled to occur between May 1, 2020 and May 31, 2020, are hereby cancelled and will be rescheduled as appropriate.
2. Public access to the Louisiana Western District Clerk of Court Offices in the Alexandria, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe and Shreveport Divisions is suspended through May 31, 2020.
3. This order will not affect the “Fourth Supplemental Order Regarding Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created By The COVID-19 Pandemic” issued on April 15, 2020 pertaining to civil and criminal jury trials.

Unless extended, modified or rescinded, this Order will expire on May 31, 2020.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED, in Shreveport, Louisiana, and effective this 30th day of April, 2020.



S. MAURICE HICKS, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA