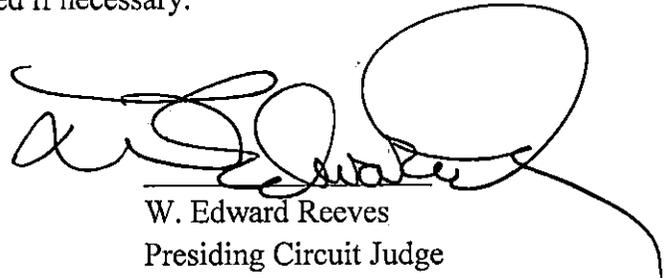


IN THE THIRTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
STATE OF MISSOURI

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

RE: COVID-19,  
EXTENSION OF  
SUSPENSION OF  
JURY TRIALS

Previously, the Court suspended all jury trials through September 30, 2020. As of September 21, the Circuit remains in Phase Two of the Supreme Court's May 4, 2020, Operating Directives. Jury trials by Order of this Court are suspended while in Phase Two. The length of time that the Circuit will continue in Phase Two is dependent upon local health conditions, which must show improvement for fourteen days prior to a transition to Phase Three. Again, as of today's date, the local health conditions in both Pemiscot County and New Madrid County are not improving and have not significantly improved following July 16, 2020, the date upon which this Circuit reverted to Phase Two. During Phase Three jury trials may be conducted. The improvement of local health conditions over time is impossible to predict, however, and litigants and attorneys benefit from more certainty with regard to trial dates and trial preparation. Therefore, the Court hereby extends its previous suspension of jury trials through October 30, 2020, regardless of whether in the interim this Circuit transitions back to Phase Three of the Supreme Court's Operating Directives. This Order may be extended if necessary.



W. Edward Reeves  
Presiding Circuit Judge

9/21/2020  
Date