

IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR MUSKOGEE COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
CASE NO. A0-20-1

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CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
MUSKOGEE COUNTY
OKLAHOMA

In accordance with the Order from the Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals of the State of Oklahoma that is attached, the Muskogee County District Court implements the following procedures to be followed by court personnel, attorneys, litigants, and the public for matters pending in this Court during the next 30 days.

The Covid-19 State of Disaster, issued by Governor Stitt, requires that this procedure be implemented with the goals of providing a safe environment for the public, the judges and all Court personnel, as we continue to conduct the peoples' business. Mitigating the spread of the **Coronavirus** is paramount. The duration of this crisis is unknown; therefore, expect further guidance from the Court.

These procedures are to be followed, with the caveat that each individual Judge has the flexibility to deviate, as long as the safety of Court personnel and the public can be assured.

CRIMINAL DOCKET:

For those in custody, the criminal docket will continue as scheduled. Those represented defendants that are out of custody, will have their matters continued 30 days. The specific resetting of those dates will be addressed below.

A. PRELIMINARY HEARING:

The preliminary hearing docket for those in custody will continue as normal.

The sounding docket for those in custody will be conducted by attorneys only.

For those defendants that are out of custody, awaiting preliminary hearing and sounding docket, those matters will be continued 30 days.

B. DISTRICT COURT ARRAIGNMENT:

District Court Arraignments for those in custody will continue as scheduled.

Those defendants who are out of custody will have their arraignment continued for 30 days with an appropriate waiver.

For those defendants who are arraigned, they will be scheduled for the next disposition docket on August 12th at 9:00 AM.

MENTAL HEALTH:

No changes to current procedure.

JUVENILE MATTERS:

A. DEPRIVED:

TECO and Show-cause hearings and those In Need of Treatment will continue with normal procedure.

Reviews will be continued 30 days. Those matters that must be reviewed will be heard. Coordinate with the Court for a date.

B. DELINQUENT MATTERS

For those who are in custody, to the extent necessary, the Court prefers those juveniles to be presented by way of remote means.

Out of custody Juvenile cases, will be continued for 30 days.

CIVIL DOCKET:

Those matters that are not of an emergency nature will be continued 30 days.

The exception is those matters that involve publication and a court date that was previously set. They will continue within the next 30 days as scheduled.

A. DOMESTIC CASES:

Emergency hearings will continue to follow the normal procedures.

Guardianships hearings will be rescheduled 30 days.

Emergency matters will follow normal procedures, including Protective Orders.

B. PROBATE MATTERS:

Uncontested consensual probate matters can proceed as normal.

The Court encourages attorneys to present their documents and will accept electronic transmission of documents.

Contested probate matters will be continued 30 days.

JURY DOCKET FOR APRIL 27 - MAY 15

The Jury Docket scheduled for the dates of April 27 - May 15, is hereby rescheduled for June 1 - June 19. If your case was scheduled for the first week of the April/May docket, you will be scheduled for the first week of the June docket; same for the 2nd week and the 3rd week. You will keep your same position for the jury docket.

MISDEMEANOR DISPOSITION DOCKET

The March 25th misdemeanor docket will be rescheduled to May 20th, at 1:30PM, in Courtroom 6 (Judge Smith's courtroom).

RESCHEDULING OF CASES:

For continued matters, if your case was set on the 4th Monday of the month, then your case will be carried over to the next month on the 4th Monday at the same time; likewise, for other dates and times that were previously set. Those dates that are set on the 5th week of the month will be continued to the 4th week on the same day and time previously scheduled.

For those matters that present a scheduling conflict for the litigants or attorneys, the attorneys should confer with one another and then consult the Court for an additional setting, it would be appreciated


The Court is cognizant of the fact that this crisis is very likely to exist for some time and as the situation changes, the Court hopes to present an Order that will continue to enable the presentation of the public's business in a safe and healthy environment for all concerned.

For questions on an individual basis, you can contact the Court Clerk's office, or the office of the assigned judge on an as-needed basis.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Bret Smith, Presiding District Judge



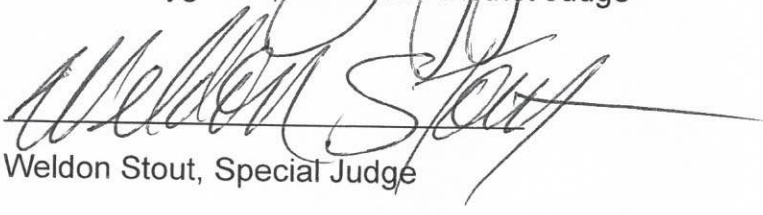
Timothy King, District Judge



Norman Thygesen, Associate District Judge



Robin Adair, Special Judge



Weldon Stout, Special Judge