

STATE OF MICHIGAN



KALAMAZOO COUNTY COURTS

Alexander C. Lipsey,
Chief Circuit/Probate Judge
9th Circuit Court
150 E. Crosstown Parkway
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Christopher T. Haenicke,
Chief District Judge
8th District Court
227 W. Michigan Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE 2021-02J

Suspending Jury Trials

Whereas, Kalamazoo County has continued to experience a significant number of confirmed novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases these past several weeks, and,

Whereas, the chief judges continue to consult with local health authorities on a weekly basis regarding the COVID-19 case rates in Kalamazoo County; and,

Whereas, the local health authorities have confirmed that there is no reasonable likelihood that the Kalamazoo County COVID-19 cases will significantly decrease over the next several weeks; and,

Whereas, pursuant to that guidance, the local health authorities have determined that the due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases within Kalamazoo County, the Courts cannot safely conduct in-person jury trials; and,

Now, therefore, in consideration of the extent of the COVID-19 virus present in Kalamazoo County, and the need to provide for the health and safety of jurors, and all others who participate in jury trials,

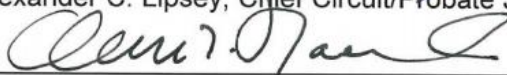
IT IS ORDERED THAT the Circuit Court, Probate Court and District Court will extend the period of jury trial suspension until at least May 31, 2021.

Date: April 12, 2021



Alexander C. Lipsey, Chief Circuit/Probate Judge

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Christopher T. Haenicke, Chief District Judge