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NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
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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, guidelines as set forth by the State Court Administrative Office, and as stated in our Joint In-Person Jury Proceedings, Local Administrative Order, of the Kalamazoo County 9th Circuit Court, and Probate Court, provide for when the Courts can hold in-person jury trials; and,

Whereas, pursuant to that guidance, the Courts cannot conduct in-person jury trials if local health department data (or data available on the MiStart Map) show Kalamazoo County's 7-day average at more than 70 COVID-19 cases per million per day; and,

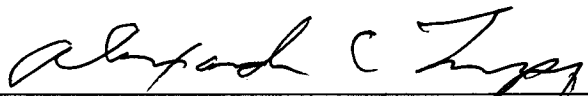
Whereas, Kalamazoo County is currently experiencing numbers that exceed that threshold, and are projected to continue to do so for an extended period of time; and,

Whereas, due to the level of COVID-19 positive cases in Kalamazoo County, the Courts cannot currently move forward with in-person jury trials.

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 and Probate Court will extend the period of jury trial suspension until at least April 12, 2021.

Date: January 19, 2021



Alexander C. Lipsey, Chief Circuit/Probate