

STATE OF MICHIGAN



NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
ALEXANDER C. LIPSEY
Chief Circuit/Probate Court Judge

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE
Regarding electronic notice of hearings in the 9th Circuit Court – Family Division

IT IS ORDERED:

BACKGROUND

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, deemed a pandemic by the World Health Organization, and preventative and protective measures being issued by the governor of Michigan, Governor Whitmer, the 9th Circuit Court, Family Division at 1536 Gull Road is closed until April 24, 2020 and/or further notice. The Kalamazoo County Circuit and Probate Courts are aware that the governor of Michigan has implemented Executive Order No. 2020-21 and has ordered non-essential businesses to close.

The Kalamazoo County Circuit and Probate Courts' operations are exempt from closure and travel restrictions. An Administrative Directive is necessary to address electronic service of notice of hearings to parties for 9th Circuit Court – Family Division matters.

AUTHORITY

MCR 2.107 Service and Filing of Pleadings and Other Papers

Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-1 – In Re Emergency Procedures in Court Facilities

Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-2 – Order Limiting Activities/Assemblages in Court Facilities

Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-5 – Order Extending Administrative Order Nos. 2020-1 and 2020-2

Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-6 – Order Expanding Authority for Judicial Officers to Conduct Proceedings Remotely

PROVISIONS

Until the State of Emergency ends, service shall be sufficient if done electronically pursuant to MCR 2.107(C)(4), whether or not there is a Stipulation or Agreement to do so. Parties and Counsel are encouraged to file a Stipulation for Electronic Service.

Dated: 4/15/2020

G. Scott Pierangeli
G. Scott Pierangeli, Presiding Judge of the Family Division

Dated: 4/15/2020

Alexander C. Lipsey
Alexander C. Lipsey, Chief Circuit/Probate Court Judge