

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

Suspending Jury Trials

Whereas, Kalamazoo County has recently experienced a significant increase in the number of confirmed novel coronavirus (COVID- 19) cases. Guidelines set forth by the State Court Administrative Office, and as stated in our Joint In-Person Jury Proceedings, Local Administrative Order, of the 8th District Court, 9th Circuit Court, and Kalamazoo County 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](#)) shows 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.

IT IS ORDERED:

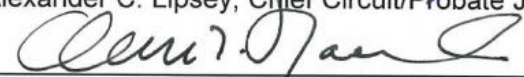
Now, therefore, in consideration of the extent of the COVID-19 virus present in Kalamazoo County, and the need to provide for the health and safety of jurors, and all others who participate in Jury Trials, the District Court will adjourn all in-person jury trials until January 1, 2021. The Circuit Court and Probate Court will adjourn all in-person jury trials until February 1, 2021.

Date: November 10, 2020



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