

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -

on behalf of Scott P. Taylor, Presiding Circuit Judge
28th Judicial Circuit

BALDWIN COUNTY, AL March 15, 2020 – PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING LIMITED COURT PROCEEDINGS IN THE 28th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS BEGINNING MARCH 16, 2020 AND CONTINUING THROUGH APRIL 16, 2020.

Pursuant to the March 13, 2020 order of the Alabama Supreme Court the following procedures will be implemented effect March 16, 2020 in all Circuit and District Courts.

All circuit and district court scheduled in the Baldwin County Circuit or District Courts beginning March 16, 2020 and continuing through April 16, 2020 are continued with the following exceptions:

- Proceedings necessary to protect constitutional rights of criminal defendants, including bond- related matters and plea agreements for incarcerated individuals.
- Civil and criminal jury trials that are in progress as of March 13, 2020.
- Proceedings related to protection from abuse.
- Proceedings related to emergency child custody and protection orders.
- Department of Human Resources emergency matters related to child protection.
- Proceedings related to petitions for temporary injunctive relief.
- Proceedings related to emergency mental health orders.
- Proceedings related to emergency protection of elderly or vulnerable persons.
- Proceedings directly related to the COVID- 19 public health emergency.
- Any emergency proceeding as needed by law enforcement.

If you are uncertain whether your case falls within any of the above listed categories please **contact your attorney** not the court. This will aid the courts in disseminating both accurate and timely information. If you are a **self-represented party** and are unsure if your case falls within the exceptions above, please contact your Judges office via email as soon as possible. Contact information is available on the Baldwin County website **baldwincountyal.gov** click on Government, then 28th Judicial Circuit to view each Judges' contact information.

Notices with new court dates should be sent to unrepresented parties. If you do not receive a notice within two weeks of your currently scheduled date, contact the court. If you have an attorney, please contact them for your new court date as you may not receive a notice.

Parties needing to **make payments** on fines, court costs and/or restitution, are to mail payments to: **312 Courthouse Square, Suite 10, Bay Minette, AL 36507 Attn: Jody Wise** and make sure payments are **money orders or cashier's checks only (NO CASH)**. They should also **include the case number**.

Individuals needing to report for **PTI monitoring** should contact the District Attorney's office at (251) 937-0274 and leave a good contact number so that DA personnel can contact them with instructions.

Individuals who are on color code **drug testing** should continue to call in and report as usual for drug testing. This information only pertains to the Circuit and District Court of Baldwin County. This **does not include** Baldwin County Bar functions or any depositions, mediations or other matters outside of the courthouses in Baldwin County.

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