IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA IN RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY RESPONSE April 30, 2020

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 6: EXTENDING ORDERS AND DEADLINES CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON PROCEEDINGS THROUGH MAY 15, 2020

On April 28, 2020, Governor Kay Ivey announced the issuance of the "Safer at Home Order" effective April 30, 2020, to remain in effect through 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2020.

This Court hereby extends through May 15, 2020, the state of emergency for the Judicial Branch of the State of Alabama. All administrative orders issued by this Court and the Chief Justice in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic are hereby extended and shall remain in effect through May 15, 2020, except as set forth below.

Effective May 1, 2020, all officials in the appellate courts, circuit courts, district courts, juvenile courts, municipal courts, and probate courts are authorized to prepare their offices and courtrooms for in-person court proceedings and shall have the authority to direct non-vulnerable employees to appear at work in person. Operations of the official's office must comply fully with the recommendations and requirements of the Safer at Home Order concerning protections for employees and other individuals.

To limit in-person contact, trial courts should continue to conduct hearings by teleconference and videoconference. The clerks of court shall also continue to use technology and other means to limit in-person contact. Jury trials shall remain suspended, and no juror summons shall be issued prior to July 1, 2020.

All deadlines in the Court's and the Chief Justice's administrative orders that are set to expire on April 30, 2020, are hereby extended through May 15, 2020.

Parker, C.J., and Bolin, Shaw, Wise, Bryan, Sellers, Mendheim, Stewart, and Mitchell, JJ., concur.

Witness my hand and seal this the 30th day of April, 2020.

Julia/Jordan Weller

Clerk of Court

Supreme Court of Alabama

