

**IN THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA**

ORDER

As a result of Governor Ivey's State of Emergency and the Alabama Supreme Court's Order it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows.

All Court dockets, hearings and proceedings are hereby suspended immediately subject to the exceptions below:

1. Proceedings necessary to protect the constitutional rights of criminal defendants.
2. Proceedings related to relief from abuse, including but not limited to orders of protection.
3. Proceedings related to emergency child custody orders.
4. Proceedings related to dependency, delinquency and matters related to child welfare and protection.
5. Proceedings related to emergency mental health orders.
6. Proceedings related to emergency protection of elderly or vulnerable persons.
7. Proceedings related to petitions for temporary injunctive relief

If you need to file an emergency petition you may contact the Courts at (256) 532-3390 and/or (256) 532-3575. **THESE NUMBERS ARE FOR EMERGENCY MATTERS ONLY**. A judge, warrant magistrate, court administrator and circuit clerk employee will be on duty daily.

All dockets will be rescheduled at a later date and notices will be provided by U.S. mail and/or Alacourt notification for attorneys. Parties should contact their attorney with any questions. This Order is intended to be interpreted broadly for the protection of the public from risks associated with COVID-19.

This Order will remain in effect pending further Order of this Court.

Done and ORDERED this the 16th day of March, 2020.

Ruth Ann Hall
PRESIDING CIRCUIT JUDGE