



First Judicial District of Pennsylvania

ADMINISTRATIVE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA No 01 of 2015

In re: Administrative Closure of the Courts and Offices of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania September 23, 2015 to September 28, 2015

ORDER

AND now, this 7th day of August, 2015, in light of the preparations the City of Philadelphia and other city, state and federal entities have announced which are necessary to accommodate in excess of one million people who are expected to attend the World Meeting of Families and the Papal visit in the area immediately surrounding the courts and offices of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, upon consideration of the resulting mobility limitations both before and after the planned events, in order to insure the safety and well-being of court employees, court users and visitors, and to limit the impact and prejudice on litigants, court users and other visitors, ***IT IS HEREBY ORDERED and DECREED that all First Judicial District of Pennsylvania courts and related offices, including the Office of Judicial Records and other filing offices, the Juvenile and Adult Probation Departments, and the Family Court Children's waiting area, will be closed beginning on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 5:00 PM and will reopen on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at the normal business hours for the various courts and offices.***

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED and DECREED that:

1. Any legal papers or pleadings which are required to be filed between September 23, 2015 and September 28, 2015 will be deemed to have been timely filed if they are filed on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, the next business day immediately after the administrative closure of the courts of the First Judicial District as provided in this Order.
2. ***Except as provided below, all Court of Common Pleas and Municipal Court emergencies which arise after 5:00 PM on September 22, 2015 and until 9:00 AM on September 29, 2015 shall be handled by the weekly emergency judges and other staff assigned pursuant to Philadelphia Civil Rule *1531.***
3. Video Preliminary Arraignments and ***Emergency Protection from Abuse services will continue on a 24/7 basis.* Non-emergency Protection from Abuse petitions secured at Family Court will resume with normal business hours on Tuesday, September 29, 2015.*** Municipal Court will also continue to conduct video bench warrant hearings for individuals incarcerated in the Philadelphia Prison System. We will communicate and publicize the alternate locations at a later date. In addition, Alias Writs will not be issued or served from September 21, 2015 at 5:00 PM until September 30, 2015 at 9:00 AM.
4. ***Juvenile detention hearings and shelter care hearings held pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. § 6332 will be held by the Court or master within 72 hours after the child is placed in detention or shelter care, at the following location: Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center (PJJSC), Courtroom #1 or Courtroom #2, 48th and Haverford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19139.***

This Order shall be filed with the Office of Judicial Records in a Docket maintained for orders issued by the Administrative Governing Board of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and shall be submitted to the Pennsylvania Bulletin for publication. Copies of the order shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, American Lawyer Media, The Legal Intelligencer, Jenkins Memorial Law Library, and the Law Library for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and shall be posted on the website of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania: <http://www.courts.phila.gov/regs>.

BY THE COURT:

/S/ Kevin M. Dougherty

Honorable Kevin M. Dougherty
First Judicial District of Pennsylvania
Administrative Judge, Trial Division,
Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County

****The Emergency Protection From Abuse Unit will relocate operations from the Center for Criminal Justice (CCJ) to the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center (PJJSC) at 48th and Haverford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19139 commencing at 8:00am on Wednesday, September 23rd thru 12:00am on Tuesday, September 28th; normal Emergency Protection From Abuse operations will resume at the CCJ at 1301 Filbert Street effective 12:01am on Tuesday, September 28th.***