

Patty Baker, Clerk of Superior Court - Cherokee County, GA

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY
BLUE RIDGE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: STATE OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY
AS DECLARED MARCH 14, 2020

FIRST AMENDMENT TO ORDER ADDRESSING ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

By Order of March 18, 2020, the judges of the Superior Court of Cherokee County entered an Order addressing the provision of essential functions of the Courts of this Circuit, to further implement the Order of the Chief Justice entered March 14, 2020. All provisions of said Order remain in place, except as may be modified herein.

1. **Jury trials** scheduled the week of April 27, 2020, are hereby suspended.
2. **Criminal Cases:** There will be a **criminal non-jury calendar held each Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Criminal pleas and revocations** where the defendant is in custody may be scheduled on these calendars by the agreement of the District Attorney and the defense attorney (or self-represented litigant), by contacting the judges' Calendar Clerks. **Cases may be scheduled on this calendar irrespective of judicial assignment.** These calendars will be heard by a presiding judge, in a rotation agreed upon by the judges. The hearings will be conducted by videoconferencing, as permitted by Uniform Superior Court Rule 9.2. **Bond motions, including motions for revocation of bond, shall be set on a presiding judge calendar only upon agreement of the assigned judge and the presiding judge.** Otherwise, all motions related to bond shall be scheduled and heard by the assigned judge. Any cases involving defendants who are not in custody will be set upon approval of both the presiding judge and the assigned judge. No motions for reconsideration or modification shall be heard except by the original judge.

This Order shall be filed upon the minutes of the Superior Court and published in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court. It shall remain in effect throughout emergency period as set for by the Order of the Chief Justice, and for any extension of said Order.

SO ORDERED, THIS 26TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

/s/ Ellen McElyea

Chief Judge Ellen McElyea

Superior Court of Cherokee County, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit