

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2020-20-01

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR ORANGE AND OSCEOLA
COUNTIES, FLORIDA

**AMENDED ORDER GOVERNING EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR
ENTRANCE TO ALL NINTH CIRCUIT COURT FACILITIES TO
PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DUE TO COVID-19**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the Chief Judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and the power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Chief Judge's constitutional and statutory responsibility for administrative supervision of the courts within the circuit and considering available resources, to create and maintain an organization capable of effecting the efficient, prompt, and proper administration of justice for the citizens of this State, the Chief Judge is required to exercise direction, *see* Fla. R. Gen. Prac. & Jud. Admin. 2.215(b)(2), (b)(3); and

WHEREAS, in response to the public health emergency caused by the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Florida Supreme Court and the Ninth Judicial Circuit have taken significant measures to limit and modify court operations so as to ensure the safe administration of justice¹; and

WHEREAS, in conducting essential proceedings and proceedings critical to the state of emergency or the public health emergency, circuit and county courts shall employ all methods

¹ *See*, Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-13 (Fla. March 13, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-15, (Fla. March 17, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-23 (Fla. April 6, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-23, Amendment 1 (Fla. May 4, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-23, Amendment 2 (Fla. May 21, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-32 (Fla. May 21, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-23, Amendment 3 (Fla. June 8, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-23, Amendment 4 (Fla. June 16, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-32, Amendment 1 (Fla. June 16, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-23, Amendment 5 (Fla. July 2, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-32, Amendment 2 (Fla. June 16, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-23, Amendment 6 (Fla. August 12, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-32, Amendment 3 (Fla. August 12, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-23, Amendment 7 (Fla. October 2, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-32, Amendment 4 (Fla. October 15, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-23, Amendment 8 (Fla. November 23, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-32, Amendment 5 (Fla. November 23, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-32, Amendment 6 (Fla. December 21, 2020); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-23, Amendment 9 (Fla. February 21, 2021); Fla. Admin. Order No. AOSC20-23, Amendment 10 (Fla. March 9, 2021) (all available at <https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/Emergency>).