

**COURT OF APPEAL  
THIRD CIRCUIT  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

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**ORDER**

Acting in accordance with Louisiana Constitution, article 5, section I, and the inherent power of this court, and considering the pandemic created by COVID-19 (Coronavirus), and

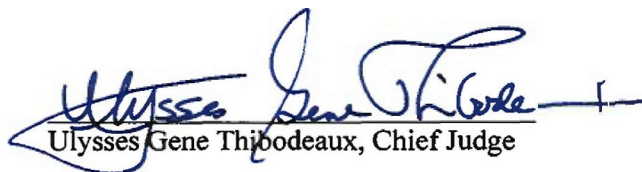
Further considering the restricted access to the Court of Appeal, Third Circuit and the emergency conditions created due to the pandemic:

**IT IS ORDERED** by the Court that all Oral Arguments currently scheduled to take place through April 30, 2020 and May 31, 2020 are to have their matters submitted on briefs;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all filings with the court shall be submitted by use of the Court's email or fax filing system (service charge fees waived);

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** for purposes of computing the timeliness of filings, the period of the suspension of the legal deadlines (ending April 13, 2020) shall be considered a legal holiday pursuant to Proclamation Number JBE 2020-30 issued by the Governor of the State of Louisiana, John Bel Edwards. Thus, pleadings otherwise due in this Court during this legal holiday shall be due within seven (7) days of the resumption of normal court operation (April 20, 2020). The Court will continue to process all filings made prior to April 20, 2020.

Lake Charles, LA this 18th day of March, 2020.

  
Ulysses Gene Thibodeaux, Chief Judge