

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PROBATE DIVISION
CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO

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IN RE: CLINTON COUNTY COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS UNDER
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
CREATED BY COVID-19

Case No. 20209008

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Judge Chad L. Carey of the Common Pleas Court, Probate Division, does hereby make the following Findings of Fact and Administrative Order:

On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued an Executive Order 2020-01D "Declaring a State of Emergency" in response to the growing COVID-19 public health crisis.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of the virus.

On March 16, 2020, the Clinton County Commissioners issued a resolution declaring a State of Emergency in Clinton County.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Probate Court will develop a continuum of flexible responses in case the public health crisis escalates or increases in size and scope. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

For the purpose of this Order, 'the Court' shall refer to the Clinton County Probate Division of the Common Pleas Court.

This Order is effective March 17, 2020.

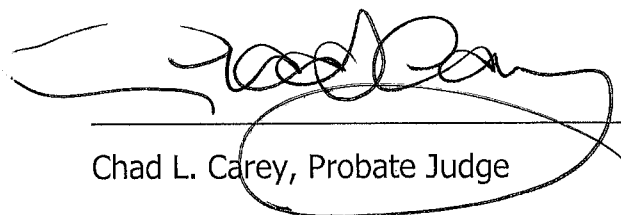
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Unless otherwise stated specifically herein, the Clinton County Probate Court is OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS as outlined below.

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2. The Courtroom is OPEN. Only attorneys, parties, and witnesses will be permitted into the Courtroom for scheduled proceedings.
3. All individuals shall maintain appropriate social distancing of 14-6 feet where possible.
4. To the extent possible, interaction between individuals and court staff shall be done electronically: by phone, email, and fax.
5. Hearings will be conducted via telephone with prior approval of the Court, whenever possible and upon agreement of the parties.
6. Any motion to continue filed with the Court, will be deemed as good cause if citing "COVID-19" as reason for same.
7. New case filings are permitted to be filed via U.S. or commercial carrier (Fed Ex, UPS, etc.).
8. Filings in existing cases may be made with the Probate Court by facsimile at 937-383-1158 and must include the "Facsimile Filing Cover Page", which may be found as Appendix A of the Local Rules. Pleadings and other papers may also be filed via email and must include the "Facsimile Filing Cover Page" at sbarr@clintoncountycourts.org or abeitusch@clintoncountycourts.org
9. All marriage license applications will be taken by appointment only by calling 937-382-2280.
10. The Court will have the lawful authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the declared public health emergency.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Chad L. Carey, Probate Judge