

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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IN RE: OCTOBER 2020 CIVIL AND)
CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS) G.O. 20-21

CARMELITA REEDER SHINN, CLERK
U.S. DIST. COURT WESTERN DIST. OKLA.
BY CS, DEPUTY

ORDER

The Court will conduct limited civil and criminal jury trials in October 2020. Counsel will be advised by the presiding judge if their case is set on the October 2020 docket. All other civil and criminal jury trials on the October 2020 docket are continued, to be reset by the presiding judge who will also address trial-related deadlines.

With respect to criminal trials, the court finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a factor in the Western District of Oklahoma, with more than 73,000 Oklahomans testing positive for the disease and more than 900 deaths. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) continues to recommend against large gatherings, which limits the number of prospective jurors who should be called for service. In addition, the CDC recommends continued social distancing, which effectively limits the number of jury trials that can be conducted at one time in order for jurors, parties, and other participants to maintain appropriate social distancing. These factors counsel in favor of continuing all but a limited number of trials. Therefore, the period of delay resulting from continuances implemented as a result of this Order will be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, as the Court specifically finds that the ends of justice served by ordering continuances outweigh the best interests of the public and each defendant to a speedy trial. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

ENTERED for the Court this 17th of September, 2020.



TIMOTHY D. DeGIUSTI
Chief United States District Judge