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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: EFFECT OF CORONAVIRUS)
DISEASE ON ENTRANCE INTO) G.O. 20-7
COURTHOUSES IN THE WESTERN)
DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA)

ORDER

The United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma is closely monitoring the evolving circumstances presented by the outbreak of the coronavirus known as COVID-19. Guidance from public health officials suggest that one of the most effective ways to protect against the spread of this virus is to limit exposure, particularly to persons at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness.

While conditions in the Western District of Oklahoma do not warrant substantially curtailing court operations at this time, elevated caution is warranted. Accordingly, in order to protect parties, practitioners, witnesses, court staff, jurors, and the many others who regularly visit the courthouses,

IT IS ORDERED that persons who have an elevated risk of transmitting COVID-19 shall not enter any United States Courthouse in the Western District of Oklahoma without prior permission from the presiding Judge. Those persons include anyone who:

- a. Has traveled within the last 14 days in (i) a country other than the United States or (ii) the states of New York, California, Washington, or Minnesota;

- b. Has been, or has had close contact with someone who has been, asked to self-quarantine by any health care provider or public official;
- c. Has been, or has had close contact with someone who has been, diagnosed with COVID-19; or
- d. Is presently exhibiting the symptoms of an infectious respiratory illness, which may include fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

No person who falls within any of the categories above shall attend any hearing, trial, conference, deposition, or other proceeding without prior authorization from the presiding judge.

Any attorney or party shall promptly notify opposing counsel and the presiding judge if they reasonably suspect that a participant in any scheduled hearing, trial, conference, deposition, or other proceeding may come within any of the categories listed above. To the extent possible, counsel shall affirmatively inquire of their clients and witnesses whether they come within any of those categories.

If you are scheduled or required to appear at a United States Courthouse in the Western District of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City or Lawton and are unable to appear because of the restrictions in this Order, you are directed to proceed as follows:

- If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney;
- If you are an attorney and you are scheduled to appear in court, please contact the chambers of the presiding judge;
- For other District Court matters, please contact the Clerk's

Office at 405-609-5555 in Oklahoma City and 580-713-7116
in Lawton;

- If you are scheduled to meet with a Pretrial Services or Probation Officer, please contact the Probation Office at 405-609-5800 for Oklahoma City and 580-353-0387 for Lawton;
- If you are a juror, please contact the Jury Administrator at 405-609-5040;
- For Bankruptcy Court matters, please contact the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office at 405-609-5700; and
- For Section 341 Meetings of Creditors, please contact the U.S. Trustee's Office at 405-231-5950.

These restrictions shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

ENTERED FOR THE COURT this 16th day of March, 2020.



TIMOTHY D. DeGIUSTI
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE