

Patty Baker, Clerk of Superior Court - Cherokee County, GA

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY
BLUE RIDGE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: State of Judicial Emergency

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**ORDER FOR TRANSCRIPTION OF CRIMINAL HEARINGS DURING STATE OF
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

On March 14, 2020, Chief Justice Harold Melton of the Supreme Court of Georgia entered an order declaring a state-wide judicial emergency. On April 6, 2020, Chief Justice Melton entered an Order extending the state-wide judicial emergency until May 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Other orders of the Chief Justice and of this Court have approved implementation of videoconferencing for criminal hearings as permitted in U.S.C.R. 19.2 and transmission of those hearings via video livestream on the website of the Court Administrator. This Court has further approved electronic signing and filing of documents necessary for pleas and revocations during the duration of the state of emergency.

The current rules of the Judicial Council of Georgia do not require transcription of guilty pleas, bond hearings, sentence modifications, probation revocations, and other non-jury criminal matters. This Court has adopted the Judicial Council rules in a previous standing order.

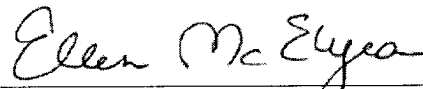
The Court finds that it is in the interest of the public and the orderly administration of justice that transcripts be prepared by the recording court reporter of any criminal non-jury hearing taking place in the Superior Court of Cherokee County during the period of judicial emergency. This Order shall therefore pertain to all criminal non-jury matters heard between March 14, 2020 and May 13, 2020; it shall also apply to similar matters as may take place during any extension of judicial emergency thereafter.

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All such transcripts shall be filed within 120 days of the hearing transcribed, and otherwise comply with any other law, rule or order regarding preparation and filing of transcripts.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 16 day of April, 2020 at _____

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Ellen McElyea, Chief Judge
Superior Court of Cherokee County
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit