

STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF LAKE)

IN THE LAKE SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION, ROOM SIX
CROWN POINT, INDIANA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF PERMITTING)
TELEPHONIC APPEARANCE AND)
CONTINUANCE MOTIONS FOR CERTAIN)
COURT DATES)

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CLERK LAKE SUPERIOR COURT

ORDER FOR TELEPHONIC APPEARANCE AND/OR CONTINUANCE

WHEREAS the United States Center for Disease Control is encouraging "social distancing" as a means of limiting the spread of COVID-19 and other potentially fatal viruses; and

WHEREAS the court finds that mitigation of the spread of contagion outweighs the benefit of having in-person appearances on non-evidentiary court settings; and

WHEREAS continuing certain court dates may help mitigate the exposure of individuals appearing in court, the Lake Superior Court, Civil Room Six now **FINDS and ORDERS:**

- (1) Effective March 16, 2020 and extending through April 10, 2020, any attorney wishing to appear remotely for any **status conference** or **non-evidentiary hearing** is hereby given permission to do so.
- (2) During this time period, and for these types of court dates, no motion to appear telephonically is necessary. However, an attorney choosing to appear remotely as a result of this order shall file a simple "Notice of Remote Appearance" so that the court staff and court are informed.
- (3) Since this court does not possess the ability to "stitch together" parties for a teleconference, remote appearances shall be coordinated and initiated by and through counsel for the Plaintiff, or as otherwise agreed.

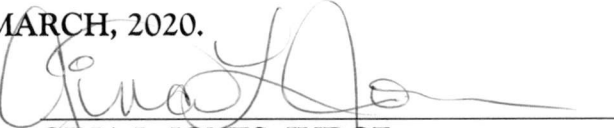
FURTHER, the Court hereby finds that the existence of flu or flu-like symptoms in any attorney, self-represented litigant, or witness expected to testify, or exposure of such individuals to anyone who has or may have COVID-19, shall be considered "good cause" for any motion made to either appear remotely or continue any court setting. To the extent possible without violating statutory or constitutional rights, the court will endeavor to accommodate requests made pursuant to this order.

ACCORDINGLY, any person coming to the Lake Superior Court, Civil Room Six courtroom and offices who:

- (a) is experiencing flu or flu-like symptoms, or
- (b) who has had exposure to anyone who has, or may have, COVID-19 (also known as "Novel Coronavirus"), is to **immediately notify the Court** and/or file a Motion in accordance with this Order.

This order shall expire on **April 10, 2020**, unless terminated or extended by further order of this court.

SO ORDERED this 13th day of **MARCH, 2020**.


GINA L. JONES, JUDGE
LAKE SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL DIVISION, ROOM SIX