

Date: March 26, 2020

To: Lake County Bar Association

From: Senior Judge, Lake Superior Court-Juvenile Division, Honorable Thomas P. Stefaniak, Jr

On March 24, 2020, the Lake County Board of Commissioners declared an emergency and closed all Lake County Government buildings, including the Lake County Juvenile Center, until April 7, 2020. Please be advised that the Lake County Superior Court-Juvenile Division will continue to operate during this time in the following manner:

- 1) All non-emergency hearings between now and April 7, 2020 have or will be continued. Emergency filings will be handled on a case by case basis.
- 2) The court's judicial officers and staff will process all electronic filings.
- 3) The court will accept urgent calls at 219-660-6900 to address any issues that arise for litigants and lawyers.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding in this unprecedented and trying time.