

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

Notice Regarding Operations to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic

The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit is open for business and will fulfill its constitutional and statutory obligations and responsibilities.

Oral Arguments

Oral arguments will continue as scheduled pending further order of the Court. The merits panel will determine the manner of argument. Parties may file a motion requesting to appear by audio conference.

Clerk's Office Operations

In order to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, the majority of the Clerk's Office will be working remotely. There will be a reduced number of staff in the office on a daily basis.

Parties who need to file motions seeking emergency relief are directed to call 267-299-4904 and leave a detailed message regarding the nature of the emergency and requested relief. Be sure to include all contact information. An attorney from the Clerk's Office will return the call.

Counsel and parties may leave voicemail through the Clerk's Office main number at 215-597-2995 or by calling their case manager directly.

The 3-day time limits for requesting a verbal extension under 3rd Cir. L.A.R. 31.4 shall be relaxed until the Clerk's office resumes normal operations. Verbal requests for extensions of time may be made by calling either the main number or the case manager directly. Routine requests for extensions of time to file a brief or other document may be requested by filing a motion through the Court's ECF system or in hard copy.

The filing of paper copies of briefs and appendices is deferred pending further direction of the Court.

Any document which is received within 3 days of the current deadline will be deemed timely filed without the need to file a motion unless the parties are specifically advised otherwise.

The due date for a notice of appeal, petition for review or other document that confers jurisdiction on the Court is not altered by this notice. The filing dates for those papers remain as stated in the statute or rule that confers jurisdiction.

Further Updates

Because the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to change, all counsel and parties should check this website frequently for further updates and changes.

Date: March 17, 2020