

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

ORDER

General Docket No. 2020-3

Among other actions taken in response to the challenges posed by COVID-19, the Court has recently cancelled in-person oral arguments scheduled for March 30 to April 2, 2020 in New Orleans. The Court is working with counsel to make alternate arrangements for the submission of those cases to three-judge panels.

The John Minor Wisdom Building in New Orleans has been closed to the public until further notice.

As part of this Court's continued efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the following changes in operations are ordered implemented, effective immediately:

1. The Clerk's Office remains open for telephonic, electronic and mail operations. The Clerk's Office in the F. Edward Hebert Building will be closed to the public. If a paper filing is required, a clerk employee will accept delivery at the ground floor entrance to the Hebert Building with prior coordination at (504) 310-7637.

2. All requirements to file paper copies are suspended until further order of this Court. The Clerk of the Court may direct the parties or counsel to provide paper copies of filings on a case-by-case basis, and at a future date, parties or counsel may be directed to provide paper copies of filings previously submitted electronically.

3. All current deadlines remain in effect, except for those regarding production of paper copies. Extensions with justification may be requested from the Clerk's Office following normal procedures and rules.

4. Oral arguments will be scheduled for April 27 to April 30. However, it may be necessary to make alternate arrangements for the submission of those cases to the three-judge panels.


CHIEF JUDGE PRISCILLA R. OWEN
U.S. FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS