THIRTY FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF ST. BERNARD
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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COURT'S ENBANC ORDER OF JULY 2021 RE: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Acting under the authority of Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the current state of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID – 19) in Louisiana, Governor John Bel Edwards' declaration of public health emergencies in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, and extended in Governor Edwards' announcement on February 9, 2021 extending modified Phase 2 measures until March 2, 2021, and modified on May 25, 2021, in Proclamation Number 93 JBE 2021 and further modified in Proclamation Numbers 131 JBE 2021 and 132 JBE 2021 of July 21, 2021 and 133 JBE 2021 of July 23, 2021 and in consideration of ongoing public health recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and slowing the spread of the disease, including the ongoing distribution of vaccine, while balancing the need to protect the constitutional rights and public safety of the citizens of St. Bernard Parish by maintaining access to the 34th Judicial District Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. In accordance with the recommendations of the Louisiana Supreme Court distributed on July 26, 2021, all individuals entering the St. Bernard Parish Courthouse shall be required to wear a mask that covers both the mouth and nose and social distancing shall be observed.

2. Only individuals with a scheduled in person court appearance or individuals needing to access courthouse offices shall be allowed to enter the courthouse. Necessary additional guests and/or witnesses shall be allowed access with authorization from the judge presiding.

3. Hallways and corridors shall be clear and are to be used for access only. Social distancing shall be observed.

4. Each courtroom shall be limited to the number of persons who can be accommodated while social distancing is enforced.

5. Criminal matters involving defendants who are incarcerated may continue to proceed via video conference.

6. All civil matters may proceed via video conferencing upon request, unless otherwise ordered by the court. Video conferencing shall not be video or audio recorded as it is not part of the official record. Virtual appearances shall not suspend any deadlines to submit: (a) Memoranda in support or opposition or reply, and/or (b) any other forms or documentation required for the parties' appearance.

7. This Order expressly does not prohibit any court proceeding by telephone, video conferencing, or any other means that do not involve in-person contact. This Order does not affect the court's consideration of matters that can be resolved without in-person proceedings.

8. This Order expressly does not prohibit the presiding Judge from issuing orders regarding the handling of particular matters on their respective dockets.

The Court may issue further Orders regarding this matter as necessary to address the circumstances arising from this pandemic and will post such Orders on the Court's website at www.34thjdc.org, the clerk's website at www.stbclerk.com, the Louisiana Supreme Court's website at www.lasc.org and in the news media as necessary.

At Chalmette, Louisiana this 27th day of July, 2021.

JUDGE WILLIAM M. MCGOEY
DIVISION "A"

JUDGE JEANNE N. JUNEAU
DIVISION "B"

JUDGE KIM C. JONES
DIVISION "C"

JUDGE DARREN M. ROY
DIVISION "D"

JUDGE ERIC A. BOPP
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