

STATE OF ALABAMA     )  
JEFFERSON COUNTY    )

FILED IN OPEN COURT

This 12th day of Mar 2020  
ELISABETH A. FRENCH E.A.  
PRESIDING CIRCUIT JUDGE

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. AO. 2020-025.02**

**BESSEMER DIVISION**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Rule 5 of the Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration, as Presiding Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, the following Administrative Order is entered:

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has announced that containment of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) is no longer possible and that community spread is occurring. A response plan has been initiated and is attached hereto to mitigate the spread of the virus through the Jefferson County Courts.

In order to avoid bringing large groups of people together including individuals at higher risk (e.g. those over sixty (60) years of age, those with underlying health conditions, those who are pregnant), **jury trials in the Bessemer Division previously scheduled for March 16, 2020, April 6, 2020 and April 13, 2020 are SUSPENDED.**

**DONE and ORDERED** on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

  
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**ELISABETH A. FRENCH**  
**PRESIDING JUDGE**

Via Email Distribution:

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