



ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT—NASSAU COUNTY

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, in accordance with the recent operational protocols issued by the Chief Administrative Judge for the trial courts of the Unified Court System and after consultation with the Chief Administrative Judge and the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge and

WHEREAS, New York State and the nation are now in the midst of an unprecedented public health crisis surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is known to be a highly infectious disease, and there is much community concern that large gatherings of people can result in greater public exposure to possible contagion or “community spread”; and

WHEREAS, on a daily basis, in courts across the State, hundreds if not thousands of people representing a broad cross-section of the community gather to conduct business in large groups in close proximity to one another,

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Unified Court System to reduce the aforesaid contacts with the Courts in order to protect and preserve the health and well-being of courts users and staff while maintaining the functioning of the Courts, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Administrative Order issued on March 31, 2020 is hereby amended to include the attached Virtual Chambers Protocol, which shall remain in effect in the Tenth Judicial District—Nassau County until it is rescinded by further Administrative Order of this Court.

Dated: April 9, 2020
Mineola, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman St. George", is written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Norman St. George
Administrative Judge
Tenth Judicial District—Nassau County

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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
10TH Judicial District - Nassau County



MEMORANDUM

To: Nassau County Legal Community
From: Hon. Norman St. George, District Administrative Judge
Date: April 10, 2020
Re: Virtual Chambers Protocols for Nassau County

As always during these difficult times, it is my hope that this message finds the members of Nassau County's Legal Community and your families well and healthy. The Nassau County Legal Community continues to have my sincere gratitude for the cooperation and support you have given the Nassau County Courts during the Coronavirus pandemic. As you know, the Courts have been focused on developing new and innovative ways to continue to provide efficient, effective, and expeditious justice during the pandemic while at the same time taking all necessary and prudent measures to protect the public's health and safety.

To that end, I am pleased to announce that effective Monday, April 13, 2020, all the Judges of the Nassau County Courts will be set up with Virtual Chambers in order to permit Chambers to continue working on resolving cases in their inventories. The following Virtual Chambers protocols for Nassau County will now be implemented and further adapted to sustain the minimal physical contacts with the Court system while simultaneously permitting the Courts to expand access to designated critical business. Notwithstanding the forgoing, all Essential/Emergency matters for all Courts shall continue to be heard at the Virtual Courthouse located in the Nassau County Court, 262 Old Country Road, pursuant to my Administrative Order of March 31, 2020. The procedures and protocols for same continue to be as established in my Revised Protocol Order dated April 1, 2020. In addition, as set forth in prior Administrative Orders of Chief Administrative Judge Marks, filings of new cases, as well as use of the Electronic Filing system for existing cases, remains prohibited until further notice. I am attaching yesterday's Administrative Order from Judge Marks permitting the use of the EFS by Judges regarding Judicial decisions and Orders.