

**FIFTH CIRCUIT**  
**COURT OF APPEAL**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**IN RE: EMERGENCY COURT CLOSURE UPDATE**

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Louisiana in his [Proclamation 41 JBE 2020](#) of April 2, 2020 did extend the emergency provisions of [Proclamation 30 JBE 2020](#) until at least April 30, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, [Proclamation 41 JBE 2020](#) did suspend all legal deadlines until at least April 30, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, this Court in its [Order of April 3, 2020](#) did specify that, for purposes of computing the timeliness of filings, this period of suspension shall be considered a legal holiday; and therefore, filings otherwise due in this Court during this legal holiday shall be deemed timely if filed on or before April 30, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Supreme Court in its [Order of April 6, 2020](#) did specify that filings otherwise due in that Court between March 12, 2020 and May 1, 2020 shall be considered timely if filed on or before May 4, 2020;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that this Court shall adopt the dates utilized by the Louisiana Supreme Court, such that filings otherwise due in this Court between March 12, 2020 and May 1, 2020 shall be considered timely if filed on or before May 4, 2020;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Appellant briefs otherwise due in this Court between March 12, 2020 and May 1, 2020 shall be considered timely if filed on or before May 4, 2020;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Appellee briefs otherwise due in this Court between March 12, 2020 and May 1, 2020 shall be considered timely if filed on or before May 26, 2020;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that parties who are unable to meet these deadlines due to the COVID-19 emergency may submit motions for extensions of time, supported by appropriate documentation and argument;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that these dates remain subject to change by Order of this Court, the Louisiana Supreme Court, or the Governor of Louisiana; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that to the extent prior Orders of this Court conflict herewith, this Order supersedes all previous conflicting provisions; and all provisions not in conflict herewith remain in effect.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 7th day of April, 2020.

**SMC**

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Chief Judge Susan M. Chehardy