

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**IN RE: 32<sup>nd</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT** : **PA SUPREME COURT NO. 30 MM 2020**  
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*Post-Pandemic, Transitional* :   
*Operations and Scheduling in the* :   
*Magisterial District Courts*<sup>1</sup> : **DELAWARE COUNTY NO. 5120-17**

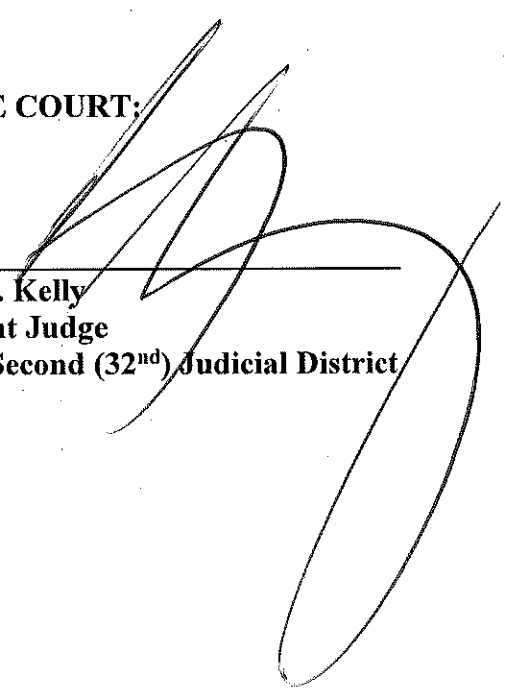
**VACATING OF MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT EMERGENCY OPERATIONAL  
PROTOCOLS**

**AND NOW**, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, this court having previously declared in the thirty-second (32<sup>nd</sup>) judicial district (Delaware County) a judicial emergency and that immediate past, emergent declaration extension of the same being directed under this court's separate order also of today's date (August 12, 2021)<sup>2</sup> to be set aside effective August 31, 2021, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** in consultation with the Magisterial District Court Administrator that the Eighth Emergency Order Extension and Amendments – Expanding Magisterial District Court Operations and its incorporated protocols<sup>3</sup> **SHALL** be **VACATED** at the close of business on **AUGUST 31, 2021**.<sup>4</sup>

To the extent possible and practical under the material circumstances, notice of this order has been and/or will promptly be posted about the Delaware County courthouse, including but not limited to the complex's entry doors, the Delaware County Office of Judicial Support, the Court Administrator's Office of Delaware County, the Criminal Court Administrator's Office, the court's website, all magisterial district court facilities within Delaware County, the Delaware County Bar Association's website, and submitted to the

Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (“AOPC”) for posting on the Commonwealth’s Unified Judicial System’s website per Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(C)(5).<sup>5</sup>

**BY THE COURT:**



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**Kevin F. Kelly  
President Judge  
Thirty-Second (32<sup>nd</sup>) Judicial District**

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<sup>1</sup> See Emergency Order – Magisterial District Court Operations dated March 18, 2020; Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations dated April 9, 2020; Second Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations dated May 4, 2020; Third Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations dated June 1, 2020; Fourth Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations dated July 16, 2020; Fourth Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations, *as Amended*, dated July 24, 2020; Fourth Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations, *as Amended*, dated August 7, 2020; Fourth Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations, *as Amended*, dated August 31, 2020; Fourth Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations, *as Amended*, dated September 11, 2020; Fifth Emergency Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations, *as Amended*, dated October 30, 2020; Fifth Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations, *as Amended*, dated December 18, 2020; Sixth Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations dated January 28, 2021; Seventh Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations dated April 21, 2021; and Eighth Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations dated June 17, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> See Order dated August 12, 2021. See also Orders dated March 16, 2020, pp. 1-2; March 18, 2020, pp. 1-3; April 1, 2020, pp. 1-3; April 28, 2020, pp. 2-5; and May 27, 2020, pp. 1-3 – Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Nos. 531 and 532, Judicial Administration Docket; Emergency Declaration dated March 17, 2020; Emergency Declaration Extension dated April 2, 2020; Second Emergency Declaration Extension dated April 28, 2020; Third Emergency Declaration Extension dated May 27, 2020; Fourth Emergency Declaration Extension dated July 8, 2020; Fifth Emergency Declaration Extension dated October 20, 2020; Sixth Emergency Declaration Extension dated January 22, 2021; and Seventh Emergency Declaration Extension dated April 21, 2021. See generally Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(1)(2).

<sup>3</sup> See Eighth Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations and Attached Protocols dated June 17, 2021.

<sup>4</sup> Recognizing that there are still some concerns attendant to the yet fading COVID-19 public health crisis and wanting to promote moving forward various of those systematic efficiencies identified from a review of the local courts' emergent business processes, this court under a separate administrative order also of this same date (August 12, 2021) in its capacity as the thirty-second (32<sup>nd</sup> – Delaware County) judicial district's president judge has promulgated for the magisterial district courts operational and scheduling protocols. See President Judge Administrative Order, Nos. 5120-17 and MD 1545-17, dated August 12, 2021.

This court has additionally through separate orders as well of this same date (August 12, 2021) set aside its previous emergency declaration, as extended, and those various, related, emergent orders past entered attendant to the same and by their terms in effect currently otherwise. See Orders dated August 12, 2021. See also Emergency Declaration dated March 17, 2020; Emergency Declaration Extension dated April 2, 2020; Second Emergency Declaration Extension dated April 28, 2020; Third Emergency Declaration Extension dated May 27, 2020; Fourth Emergency Declaration Extension dated July 8, 2020; Fifth Emergency Declaration Extension dated October 20, 2020; Sixth Emergency Declaration Extension dated January 22, 2021; and Seventh Emergency Declaration Extension dated April 21, 2021. See also Sixth Order Extending Emergency Postponement of Partial Confinement dated April 21, 2021; Sixth Order Extending Emergency Early Parole Review dated April 21, 2021; Sixth Order Extending *Re-Parole* Review dated April 21, 2021; Seventh Emergency Order Extension – Family Section dated April 21, 2021; Seventh Emergency Order Extension – Civil Section dated April 21, 2021; Eight Emergency Order Extension – Magisterial District Court Operations dated June 17, 2021; and Sixth Emergency Order Extension – Criminal Section dated July 2, 2021. See generally Pa.R.J.A. No. 1952(B)(1)(2) and Order dated June 21, 2021 – Pennsylvania Supreme Court, No. 553, Judicial Administration Docket.

<sup>5</sup> See Orders dated March 16, 2020, p. 2; April 1, 2020, pp. 2-3; April 28, 2020, p. 3; and May 27, 2020 p. 2, Fn. 1 - Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Nos. 531 and 532, Judicial Administration Docket.