

Detroit Bar Association Auto Negligence Section

Synopsis of March 31, 2020 Q & A Session with Hon. Patricia Perez Fresard:

Civil Division and MTA Operations During the State of Emergency

- Per Chief Judge Kenny's Order of March 23, all scheduling order dates are extended by 60 days
- The Court is working to prioritize processing/entry of orders in light of reduced staff; in addition to orders on emergency motions, the following orders will receive priority:
 - Dismissal orders;
 - Orders entered pursuant to remote conferences with the Court;
 - Opinions and orders prepared by Judges based on briefs; and
 - Orders for alternate service and to extend summonses.
- Court communications:
 - Several Judges have updated their profiles and protocols on the Court's website and have provided contact information
 - Most JAs are checking Court email and are willing to address inquiries emailed to them; see the attached list of Civil JA email addresses
 - There is an emergency Civil Judge available every day (see the Court's website for information regarding emergency matters)
 - Attorneys are free to email a Judge at the address listed for him/her in the Bar Directory
- Attorneys who have trials scheduled for May should do the following:
 - Contact opposing counsel to discuss options for facilitation, etc., and then contact the assigned Judge's JA to attempt to schedule a remote status conference asap
 - If you cannot reach the assigned Judge's JA, email frances.yturri@3rdcc.org and ask to get a message to the assigned Judge
- Case evaluation
 - Attorneys are encouraged to request voluntary remote case evaluation as much as possible; email Lisa Timmons at Lisa.Timmons@3rdcc.org to make arrangements or for any questions regarding case evaluation
 - Lisa is directly contacting attorneys in cases that evaluated for \$25,000 or less so that they can proceed to mediation
 - Lisa can provide a list of facilitators who are conducting facilitations remotely
- Facilitation:
 - Attorneys are encouraged to facilitate matters in which settlement conferences have been adjourned

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