

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
GRAVES CIRCUIT COURT

TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

In order to implement the prior Orders of the Kentucky Supreme Court, and to provide for operation of the Circuit Court during the current COVID-19 situation, the following TEMPORARY Local Rules of the Graves Circuit Court are adopted:

1. All hearings shall be conducted remotely, unless the Judge determines that an in-person hearing is necessary.
2. All KCOJ Officials and Employees, Court Security Officers, and County employees working in the Graves County Judicial Facility shall be familiar with Kentucky Supreme Court Order 2020-39 and COVID-19 Health and Safety Requirements published by KCOJ.
3. The Graves County Law Library shall be CLOSED unless otherwise ordered by the Circuit Court. Members of the public may call the Clerk for information on how to access what would be on the public access terminal.
4. In Circuit Court proceedings, evidentiary hearings will be set upon motion. The Court will be notified at the time of any motion to set, the names of all witnesses anticipated to be called, and if the proceedings are to be conducted remotely, the contact information of each participant for a SKYPE or ZOOM invitation. Court Security will be provided with a list of those to be admitted at the time of the hearing.
5. Contact information for a SKYPE or ZOOM hearing shall be included in the signature block of the Movant's attorney. Opposing counsel will provide their contact information prior to the date set for the motion. If proceeding remotely is not objected to at the time any matter is set, any issue as to confrontation shall be deemed to have been waived. If

the matter is to be heard remotely, the court shall, at the time the matter is set, be advised if counsel intends to invoke the rule for separation of witnesses.

6. Exhibits sought to be admitted at a remote hearing shall be labeled with a blank Exhibit label and filed with the Clerk at least three (3) full business days prior to the hearing.
7. Civil cases that have been continued due to the existing circumstances may again be brought before the Court at the discretion of counsel.
8. No evidentiary hearings shall take place during a regular, or any special, motion hour.
9. In criminal matters, the Defendant shall not be required to participate remotely in any pretrial conference unless ordered to do so by the Court, or as may be requested by counsel.
10. The Defendant shall appear in person in the Circuit courtroom for any sentencing hearing, or for any hearing seeking revocation of probation.
11. These Temporary Local Rules shall supersede any Rules of this Court that are inconsistent. These Temporary Rules may be modified by a specific order in a case.
12. It being the intention of these Temporary Local Rules to terminate at the time of sufficient abatement of the current COVID-19 situation, these Temporary Local Rules may be annulled and held for naught by the Chief Circuit Judge, without approval of the Chief Justice being necessary.

These Temporary Local Rules shall become effective upon approval of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

WITNESS MY HAND this 27th day of May, 2020.



Timothy C. Stark, JUDGE
GRAVES CIRCUIT COURT