

**Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Administrative Offices of the Court**  
**COVID-19 Message about Court Operations 3/31/20**

*All courthouses within the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit are operating with limited access to the courthouse through April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. To the maximum extent possible, all court proceedings shall be accomplished using electronic means. However, certain mission essential proceedings may occur in-person using social distancing protocols. Please see below for further clarification. Should you have any questions please contact the presiding judge or Court Administration for more information.*

Any member of the public in need of Clerk services related to **Domestic Violence, Protective Injunctions, Baker Act and/or Marchman Act** should contact the Clerk's Office in their County. Please refer to the website and phone numbers of the respective Clerk's offices as follows:

<b><u>Martin Clerk</u></b>	<b><u>St. Lucie Clerk</u></b>	<b><u>Indian River Clerk</u></b>	<b><u>Okeechobee Clerk</u></b>
772-288-5576	772-462-6900	772-770-5185	863-763-2131
<a href="http://Martinclerk.com">Martinclerk.com</a>	<a href="http://Stlucieclerk.com">Stlucieclerk.com</a>	<a href="http://Clerk.indian-river.org">Clerk.indian-river.org</a>	<a href="http://Clerk.co.okeechobee.fl.us">Clerk.co.okeechobee.fl.us</a>

For information about court proceedings, please contact Court Administration or the assigned Judge for specific case instructions. Contact information for our judges can be found on the [Nineteenth Circuit Judge's page](#).

Most judges will be utilizing ZOOM videoconferencing at no charge to conduct remote proceedings. However, in very limited cases, some in-person appearances will be required for mission essential proceedings. If an in-person court proceeding is required, all parties shall maintain a 6' social distance from others. For a list of mission essential court proceedings, see [Essential Proceedings List Page](#).

All civil and family law hearings and non-jury bench trials will be conducted remotely or rescheduled through the assigned judge. Attorneys, parties and witnesses with upcoming trials or hearings should communicate with the assigned judge's office to determine the status or rescheduling of your hearings or other information related to remote or telephonic conferencing.

Instructions for using ZOOM are located on the [Nineteenth Circuit's Zoom page](#). When conferencing is arranged for a case, individual meeting invites will be emailed with unique secure meeting IDs to connect. The participant will be asked to click on the meeting invitation to connect.

A sample invitation is as follows:

Judge Jones is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
Time: Mar 18, 2020 03:20 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
To Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/>  
Meeting ID: 971 93 675  
One tap mobile: +16465588656 US (New York)  
Code: 971 93 675

It is not necessary to have a Zoom account to participate in a remote hearing. However, you may be prompted to download the software, once you have clicked on the meeting link. Additionally, if using smartphone, you may be prompted to download the [Mobile App](#). This is not necessary. However, you may wish to create an account. Additional information about Zoom is available at [www.Zoom.US](http://www.Zoom.US).

**All of the Nineteenth Circuit's Probation and Pretrial Services Departments are utilizing remote/telephonic conferencing for reporting through April 17, 2020. Please contact the appropriate offices for more details.**

**ALL JURY TRIALS have been suspended through April 17, 2020 and all jurors are excused through this date and should not appear.**

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