

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-28

Rescinding Administrative Order Nos. 20-20 and 20-24

**Order Affecting Probate Proceedings and Notice During  
COVID-19 Pandemic**

WHEREAS, this Court issued its Administrative Order 20-20 after Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 2020-PR-16 issued March 18, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court amended that order when it issued Supreme Court Administrative Order 20-PR-32; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has now issued Administrative Order 20-PR-76, which, *inter alia*, now permits district courts to hold in-person hearings with no more than the amount of people who can remain socially distanced at least 6 feet apart throughout the courtroom, with appropriate cleaning between hearings;

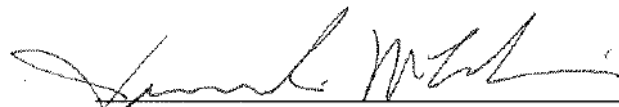
NOW, THEREFORE, this Court deems it appropriate to rescind AO 20-20 and AO 20-24 and orders the following for all matters wherein parties request hearings (to include all civil, limited civil and probate matters):

For all matters on which counsel wishes to proceed to hearing, Counsel must comply with the requirements of all Kansas Supreme Court Administrative Orders relating to district court operations as they now exist or may be amended.

Whenever possible, hearings should be scheduled to allow appearance via phone or video conferencing, and the manner of appearing should be included in the notice of hearing.

Until further order from the Supreme Court, counsel is directed to give attention to Paragraph No. 3 as set forth in 20-PR-58 (requiring an order exempting a case from the suspension of deadlines and requires certain language in any notice of hearing) and Paragraph 1, bullet point 6 and Paragraph 6 of 20-PR-76 (requiring certain information be included in any order to appear for hearing).

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
Chief District Court Judge