

IN THE STATE TRIAL COURTS FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: COVID-19

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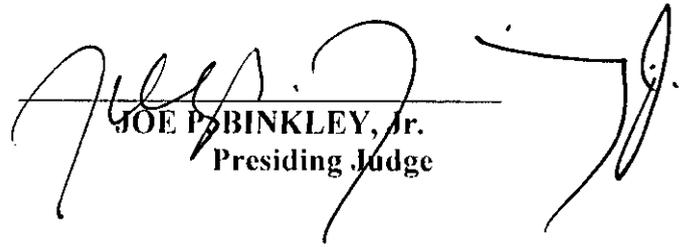
ORDER FROM THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE STATE TRIAL COURTS

Comes the Honorable Joe P. Binkley, Jr., the Presiding Judge of the State Trial Courts for the 20th Judicial District of the State of Tennessee and hereby enters the following Order for the protection of the general public and courthouse personnel.

The Center for Disease Control has advised people to take precautions in light of the COVID-19 virus outbreak and noted that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. Under the statutory and inherent authority, as well as the general jurisdiction of the Circuit, Chancery and Criminal Courts, the following provisions are adopted for the 20th Judicial District until the expiration or termination of the Tennessee Supreme Court Covid-19 Order. Therefore, effective immediately the use of a signed Declaration by a petitioner in compliance with Tenn. R. Civ. Pro. Rule 72 may be substituted for the notary oath for any petition for orders of protection filed in the Circuit Court. Additionally, no appearance or further oath shall be required for the initial request of an *ex parte* order of protection filed in Circuit Court. The Judicial Officer shall make the determination of whether an *ex parte* order of protection shall issue solely on review of the pleadings filed requesting the Orders of Protection.

It is so **ORDERED**.

ENTERED this _____ day of _____, 2020.



JOE P. BINKLEY, Jr.
Presiding Judge