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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

MS 20-86

IN THE MATTER OF

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COURT

) MS 20-86
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)
) ORDER FOR CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS
) BEGINNING DECEMBER 2, 2020;
) JANUARY 4, 2021, AND FEBRUARY 1,
) 2021 CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JURY
) TRIALS

Due to the restrictions created by the coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, the Fourth Judicial District will reinstate the December 2020 Jury Panel for criminal cases only. The Fourth Judicial District will reinstate the January 2021 and February 2021 Jury Panel for Criminal Jury trials and for Civil Jury trials. Please note that voir dire in civil cases will take place in the Douglas County Annex Building located at 1805 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68102 across the street from the Douglas County Courthouse. The Douglas County Annex Building is undergoing renovation to make it a suitable establishment for jury selection. The renovation will be completed by December 31, 2020. The jury trial cases will be limited to the following District Court Judges on their assigned specific dates:

Jury selection schedule for December 2020 Criminal Cases Only:

Wednesday, December 2, 2020
[DERR]

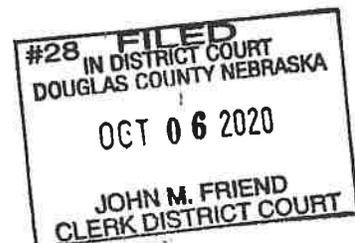
Monday, December 7, 2020
[RANDALL]

Wednesday, December 9, 2020
[STRATMAN]

B Panel
[Bowie, Burns, Dougherty, Otepka, Pankonin, Polk, Schatz, and Wheelock]

Monday, December 14, 2020
[SCHATZ]

Wednesday, December 16, 2020
[BOWIE]



Jury selection schedule for January 2021 Criminal and Civil Cases:

A Panel

[Bataillon, Coffey, Derr, Gleason, Masteller, Randall, Retelsdorf, Stratman]

Criminal - Legislative Chambers

Monday, January 4, 2021

[DERR]

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

[RETELSDORF]

Monday, January 11, 2021

[MASTELLER]

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

[COFFEY]

Civil - 1805 Harney Street

Monday, January 4, 2021

[GLEASON]

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

[RANDALL]

Monday, January 11, 2021

[BATAILLON]

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

[STRATMAN]

B Panel

[Bowie, Burns, Dougherty, Otepka, Pankonin, Polk, Schatz, and Wheelock]

Criminal - Legislative Chambers

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

[BOWIE]

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

[OTEPKA]

Monday, January 25, 2021

[WHEELOCK]

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

[PANKONIN]

Civil - 1805 Harney Street

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

[POLK]

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

[DOUGHERTY]

Monday, January 25, 2021

[SCHATZ]

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

[BURNS]

Jury selection schedule for February 2021 Criminal and Civil Cases:

A Panel

[Bataillon, Coffey, Derr, Gleason, Masteller, Randall, Retelsdorf, Stratman]

Criminal – Legislative Chambers

**Monday, February 1, 2021
[RANDALL]**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021
[GLEASON]**

**Monday, February 8, 2021
[STRATMAN]**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021
[BATAILLON]**

Civil – 1805 Harney Street

**Monday, February 1, 2021
[COFFEY]**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021
[DERR]**

**Monday, February 8, 2021
[MASTELLER]**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021
[RETELSDORF]**

B Panel

[Bowie, Burns, Dougherty, Otepka, Pankonin, Polk, Schatz, and Wheelock]

Criminal – Legislative Chambers

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021
[SCHATZ]**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021
[DOUGHERTY]**

**Monday, February 22, 2021
[BURNS]**

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021
[POLK]**

Civil – 1805 Harney Street

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021
[BOWIE]**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021
[OTEPKA]**

**Monday, February 22, 2021
[PANKONIN]**

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021
[WHEELLOCK]**

Allocation of Criminal Jury Trials

| Judge | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. |
|------------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Bataillon | | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Coffey | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Derr | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | |
| Gleason | | 1 | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Masteller | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Randall | | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Retelsdorf | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Stratman | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Bowie | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Burns | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Dougherty | | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Otepka | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Pankonin | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Polk | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Schatz | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Wheelock | | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | |

Allocation of Civil Jury Trials

| Judge | January | February | March | April | May | June |
|------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|
| Bataillon | 1 | | | | | |
| Coffey | | 1 | | | | |
| Derr | | 1 | | | | |
| Gleason | 1 | | | | | |
| Masteller | | 1 | | | | |
| Randall | 1 | | | | | |
| Retelsdorf | | 1 | | | | |
| Stratman | 1 | | | | | |
| Bowie | | 1 | | | | |
| Burns | 1 | | | | | |
| Dougherty | 1 | | | | | |
| Otepka | | 1 | | | | |
| Pankonin | | 1 | | | | |
| Polk | 1 | | | | | |
| Schatz | 1 | | | | | |
| Wheelock | | 1 | | | | |

Douglas County District Courts have taken measures to mitigate the effects of this public health emergency upon our Courts and its participants. The Court finds that

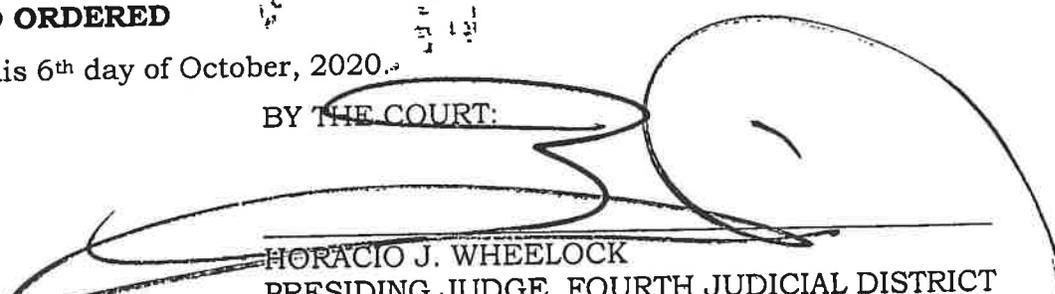
having additional trial dates for criminal and civil cases during the months of December 2020, January 2021, and February 2021 would be impossible due to the ongoing social distancing restrictions for the public. The Directed Health Order issued by the Nebraska Department of Public Health and Human Services orders “a minimum distance of six (6) feet between” all persons. The Douglas County Courthouse and Courtrooms do not have the space available to accommodate any additional jury trials while at the same time maintaining social distancing restrictions. The Court recognizes that the restrictions ordered by the Directed Health Order are not legally binding on the Court, but the Court, nonetheless, finds that adherence to these restrictions is in the best interest of the public for their health and safety.

An order scheduling cases for jury trials in criminal cases and in civil cases for December 2020, January 2021, and February 2021 is forthcoming. The intent of this order is to provide guidance to the litigators so that they may plan accordingly with their trial calendars.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated this 6th day of October, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



HORACIO J. WHEELOCK
PRESIDING JUDGE, FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT