

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON

HOLIDAY CLOSING

ON DECEMBER 24, 2020, AND DECEMBER 31, 2020

WHEREAS, Our State and nation continue to bear the burden of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Judges and Judicial Branch personnel having carried out their duties as public servants under extraordinary circumstances with commitment and perseverance since March 13, 2020 and will continue to do so in the difficult months to come; and

WHEREAS, Several Maryland jurisdictions already having determined to close for December 24, 2020, or December 31, 2020, or both days, with indications that more jurisdictions will follow; and

WHEREAS, Such closings having the tendency to generate confusion among litigants and those employed by local jurisdictions as to whether the courts will be open, requiring the cancellation or postponement of proceedings in those courts, most especially when a court is located or co-located in a facility under the control of a local jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, The orderly rescheduling of matters already scheduled requiring as much notice as possible; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Maryland Constitution, Article IV § 18, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals is granted administrative powers, including the closing of courts in the State of Maryland and non-court judicial facilities,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and administrative head of the Judicial Branch, pursuant to the authority conferred by

Article IV, § 18 of the Maryland Constitution, do this 8th day of December 2020, order as follows:

- (a) December 24, 2020, and December 31, 2020, shall be added, on an exceptional basis, to the previously announced listing of Court holidays for calendar year 2020; and
- (b) All courts in the Maryland Judiciary, court offices, and administrative offices shall be closed Thursday, December 24, 2020, and Thursday, December 31, 2020; and
- (c) Limited operations consistent with the announced Phase of Operations due to the COVID-19 Emergency will resume on December 28, 2020, and again on January 4, 2021, absent further Order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

/s/ Mary Ellen Barbera

Mary Ellen Barbera
Chief Judge
Court of Appeals of Maryland

Filed: December 8, 2020

/s/ Suzanne C. Johnson

Suzanne C. Johnson
Clerk
Court of Appeals of Maryland

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Suzanne C. Johnson, Clerk