

**23<sup>rd</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
**AND ASCENSION PARISH COURT**  
**EMERGENCY ORDER RELATIVE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**  
**PARISHES OF ASCENSION, ASSUMPTION AND ST. JAMES**

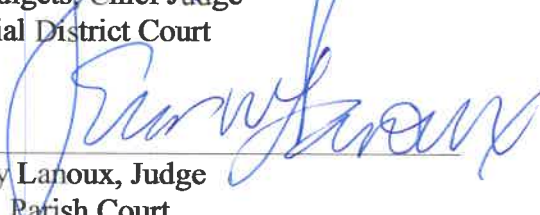
In light of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the state of emergency declaration issued by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 13, 2020, the recommendations issued on March 12, 2020 by the Louisiana Supreme Court and the emergency declaration by Ascension Parish President Clint Cointment on March 13, 2020, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court and Ascension Parish Court issues the following Order for the Parishes of Ascension, Assumption and St. James:

*The 23rd Judicial District Court and the Ascension Parish Court have suspended all scheduled court proceedings until further notice. The Court will still be open to conduct other business and will hear emergency and/or time sensitive cases as needed. If you have any questions concerning your court appearance contact the appropriate judge's office as follows: Judge Verdigets, Judge Turner, Judge Stromberg, Judge Lanoux and Hearing Officer Pat Douglas at (225)621-8500; Judge Kliebert at (225) 562-2280; or Judge St. Pierre (Ad Hoc) at (985) 369-8001.*

The public may check the Court's website at [www.23rdjdc.org](http://www.23rdjdc.org) for updates.

March 16, 2020 at Gonzales, Louisiana.

  
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Jason Verdigets, Chief Judge  
23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court

  
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Erin Wiley Lanoux, Judge  
Ascension Parish Court