

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
ACADIA, LAFAYETTE AND VERMILION PARISHES

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER FOR LAFAYETTE PARISH COURTHOUSE**  
**Friday, February 17, 2017**

Acting in accordance with Louisiana Constitution Article V, Section I, the inherent power of this Court, and La. R.S. 1:55(E)(2),

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Parish Clerk of Court will be physically moving offices from the sixth and seventh floors of the Lafayette Parish Courthouse to the first and second floors, which includes furniture, fixtures, and computer and telephone equipment, etc., and

WHEREAS, considering there are only two (2) operable elevators in the Courthouse which will be utilized for the move which will occur over a four (4) day period from Friday, February 17, 2017 through Monday, February 20, 2017, Presidents' Day, the Lafayette Parish Clerk of Court has advised that it is hazardous or unsafe for the general public to conduct business with the Clerk's office on Friday, February 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Judges of the Fifteenth Judicial District Court receive telephone and internet service In Lafayette Parish through the Clerk's office which will be inoperable during the move; and

WHEREAS, there will be no Clerk of Court personnel to serve as minute clerks or receive and file pleadings and documents from attorneys and the general public during the move,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Lafayette Parish Courthouse shall be closed Friday, February 17, 2017, for the entirety of the workday, with the Courthouse to reopen as usual on the next business day, Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

SIGNED IN CHAMBERS at Lafayette, Louisiana, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, at 9:50 A.m.

  
DAVID A. BLANCHET  
CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE