

**Memo From 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Courts**  
**Re : Courthouse Closures Due to Hurricane Rita**

As a result of Hurricane Rita, the Courthouses in Lafayette, Vermilion and Acadia Parishes were ordered closed on Friday, September 23, 2005. On Monday, September 26, 2005, the Lafayette Parish Courthouse reopened for regular business. The Vermilion Parish Courthouse was ordered closed for the entire week of September 26-30, 2005 per the attached Order. The Acadia Parish Courthouse was ordered closed September 26-28, 2005, to reopen on Thursday, September 29, 2005 for regular business. All court proceeding scheduled in Acadia Parish for the week of September 26-30, 2005 were cancelled, to be rescheduled by the various affected divisions of Court.



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Marilyn C. Castle, Chief Judge  
15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

EMERGENCY ORDER CLOSING COURTHOUSE

In light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Rita to Acadia Parish, the evacuation of citizens from many areas of the Parish due to power and water outages, water damage sustained by the Courthouse and the need of the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office to direct all of its resources to emergency efforts in the areas of the parish; all constituting a state of emergency;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Acadia Parish Courthouse is closed for Court business September 26-28, 2005. The Courthouse will reopen on Thursday, September 29, 2005 for regular business hours, unless further Orders are issued. All Court proceedings scheduled in Acadia Parish for the week of September 26-30, 2005 are cancelled, to be rescheduled by the various affected divisions of Court.

Crowley, Louisiana this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.



Marilyn C. Castle, Chief Judge  
15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

**EMERGENCY ORDER CLOSING COURTHOUSE**

In light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Rita to Vermilion Parish, the evacuation of citizens from many areas of the Parish due to flood waters, the use of the Vermilion Parish Courthouse as an emergency staging area and the need of the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office to direct all of its resources to search and rescue efforts in the flooded areas of the parish; all constituting a state of emergency;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Vermilion Parish Courthouse is closed for Court business for the week of September 26-30, 2005. The Courthouse will reopen on Monday, October 3, 2005 for regular business hours, unless further Orders are issued.

Abbeville, Louisiana this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.

  
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Marilyn C. Castle, Chief Judge  
15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court