

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

ORDER

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 23rd Judicial District Court and Ascension Parish Court issues the following Order for the Parishes of Ascension, Assumption and St. James:

In consideration of public health recommendations to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus and slowing the spread of the disease while balancing the need to maintain access to Louisiana courts,

The 23rd Judicial District Court and Ascension Parish Court along with the Ascension, Assumption and St. James Clerks of Court will be open from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm Monday through Friday commencing March 20, 2020 through April 3, 2020. The Court will continue to hear emergency and/or time sensitive matters in criminal and civil cases as determined by each judicial division. If you have any questions concerning a case and/or court appearance contact the appropriate judge's office as follows: Judge Verdigets- Division A, Judge Turner – Division E, Judge Stromberg – Division C, Judge Lanoux – Parish Court and Hearing Officer Pat Douglas at (225)621-8500; Judge Kliebert – Division B at (225) 562-2280; or Judge St. Pierre (Ad Hoc) – Division D at (985) 369-8001.

March 20, 2020 at Gonzales, Louisiana.

Jason Verdigets, Chief Judge
23rd Judicial District Court

Erin Wiley Lanoux, Judge
Ascension Parish Court