

**FIFTH CIRCUIT
COURT OF APPEAL
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

IN RE: COURT RE-OPENING

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Governor in [Proclamation 58 JBE 2020](#) did implement Phase 1 of the State of Louisiana's Re-Opening Plan;

WHEREAS, the Governor in [Proclamation 59 JBE 2020](#) did extend the suspension of all legal deadlines until at least June 5, 2020;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal building shall reopen to the public at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020, subject to restrictions as the Court deems necessary to protect the health and safety of Court employees and the public;

IT IS ORDERED that filings otherwise due in this Court between March 12, 2020 and June 5, 2020 shall be deemed timely if filed on or before June 8, 2020; and parties who are unable to meet this deadline due to the COVID-19 emergency may submit motions for extensions of time, supported by appropriate documentation and argument;

IT IS ORDERED that the Court shall continue to accept fax filings and e-mail filings as a courtesy until June 30, 2020;

IT IS ORDERED that the convenience fee associated with eFilings shall remain waived as a courtesy until June 26, 2020; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that to the extent prior Orders of this Court conflict herewith, this Order supersedes all previous conflicting provisions; and all provisions not in conflict herewith remain in effect.

Gretna, Louisiana, this 15th day of May, 2020.

SMC

Chief Judge Susan M. Chehardy