

**United States Court of Appeals**  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

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**September Term, 2019**

In re: Court Operations in Light  
of the COVID-19 Pandemic

**Filed On:** March 17, 2020

**ORDER**

Upon consideration of current circumstances relating to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, the state of emergency declared by the Mayor of the District of Columbia on March 11, 2020, the national emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020, and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommending limiting personal contact and public gatherings to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and to slow community spread, it is, on the court's own motion,

**ORDERED** that all in-person onsite oral arguments be suspended pending further order of the court. Each panel scheduled to hear argument on a particular day will determine for each scheduled case whether:

- (1) Argument in the scheduled case or cases will proceed by teleconference;
- (2) Argument in the scheduled case or cases will be postponed until a later date;
- (3) The scheduled case or cases will be decided without oral argument.

The Clerk's Office will contact counsel directly in cases where the panel determines that argument by teleconference is advisable. The Clerk's Office will provide notice by order, or telephone as necessary, in cases where the panel postpones oral argument or determines that the case can be decided without oral argument.

These policies are intended to help reduce the health risks to the public, Court staff, and arguing counsel. Counsel and the public are advised that in keeping with the public health precautions recommended in response to COVID-19, and in light of developing circumstances, the court will continue to monitor and examine options for cases currently scheduled for oral argument.

**Per Curiam**

**FOR THE COURT:**

BY:



Mark J. Langer, Clerk