

IN THE SUPREME COURT  
OF THE  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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*Shirley A. Johnson Lepp*  
Clerk

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RE:

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
COUNTY OF BROWN ) SS

IN CIRCUIT COURT  
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN RE THE ADMINISTRATION OF )  
THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT )  
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ORDER APPROVING  
THIRTEENTH AMENDED  
COVID-19 PROCEDURES

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By the Court's Order of March 13, 2020, Declaring Judicial  
Emergency COVID-19 Disease the South Dakota Supreme Court declared the  
existence of a judicial emergency pursuant to SDCL 16-3-11 through 15  
and pursuant to the Court's authority to administer justice and to  
ensure the safety of court personnel, litigants and the public, it is  
ORDERED that the attached Fifth Judicial Circuit Thirteenth  
Amended COVID-19 Procedure Order, be and it is hereby approved in its  
entirety.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall remain in effect  
until further order of the Court.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota this 15th day of April, 2021.

BY THE COURT:

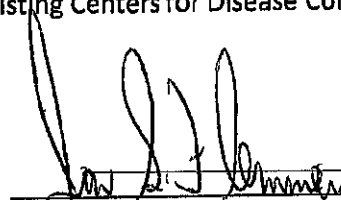
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Clerk of the Supreme Court  
(SEAL)

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Steven R. Jensen, Chief Justice

FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
Thirteenth Amended COVID-19 Procedure Order

The moratorium on jury trials, as outlined in the Fifth Judicial Circuit Administrative Order dated March 16, 2020 is hereby amended to permit any judge in this circuit to schedule and conduct a jury trial involving any type of proceeding if in the discretion of that judge the trial may be conducted in a manner consistent with the then existing Centers for Disease Control guidelines related to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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Jon S. Flemmer,  
Presiding Judge