

Apr 2, 2020

Vicki Kinkade
Chief Deputy Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE:)
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COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 209
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED)
BY COVID-19)

ORDER CLARIFYING
FIRST AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 209

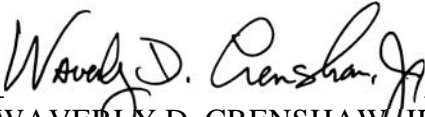
On March 23, 2020, the First Amended Administrative Order 209 was entered regarding court operations under the exigent circumstances created by COVID-19. Among other things, the order addressed the following:

1. Civil and criminal jury selections and jury trials were **CONTINUED** through April 30, 2020, pending further order by the presiding judge in the matter.
2. Individual judges may continue to hold hearings, conferences, and bench trials in the exercise of their discretion, subject to intervening orders of the judge assigned to the matter. Such court proceedings may be conducted by telephone or video conference where practicable and consistent with the law.

For clarification, the Court emphasizes that all deadlines previously established in both civil and criminal cases remain in full force and effect, absent further order by the presiding judge in the matter. The Judges unanimously expect that counsel for all parties will continue to diligently work on cases to comply with established deadlines. If the parties cannot comply with an established deadline, normal procedures must be followed, and a motion must be filed. Regarding any criminal jury trial set before Judge Trauger, a motion for a change of plea hearing or motion to continue must be filed and acted upon before the trial will be removed from the court's calendar.

This Order gives the presiding judicial officers flexibility to address issues as they arise while implementing necessary safeguards.

FOR THE COURT



WAVERLY D. CRENSHAW JR.
Chief United States District Judge