

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and at the direction of the Chief Judge, I hereby promulgate, effective May 4, 2020 and until further order, the following additional procedures and protocols to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak upon the judicial officers, staff, and users of the Unified Court System.

A. In pending matters, digital copies of (1) motions, cross-motions, responses, replies and applications (including post-judgment applications), (2) notices of appeal and cross-appeal, (3) stipulations of discontinuance, stipulations of adjournment, and other stipulations; (4) notes of issue, and (5) such other papers as the Chief Administrative Judge may direct, shall be accepted for filing purposes by all courts and clerical officers of the Unified Court System (including County Clerks acting as clerks of court) when presented for filing through (1) the UCS New York State Courts Electronic Filing (NYSCEF) system; (2) the UCS Electronic Document Delivery System (EDDS); or (3) such other document delivery method as the Chief Administrative Judge shall approve.

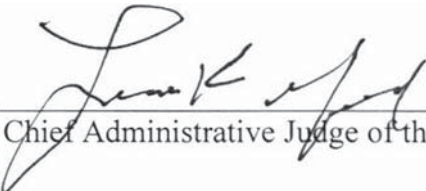
B. Documents filed through the EDDS system shall be served by electronic means, including electronic mail or facsimile. Filing fees required for documents filed through the EDDS system shall be paid by credit card or, where credit card payment is unavailable, by check delivered to the appropriate clerk's office by U.S. Mail or overnight mail service.

C. The provisions of paragraphs A and B above are authorized on a temporary basis, and will be reviewed and circumscribed promptly at the conclusion of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

D. Problem-solving courts may conduct virtual court conferences with counsel, court staff, service providers, and, where practicable, clients.

E. Judges may refer matters for virtual alternative dispute resolution, including to neutrals on court-established panels, community dispute resolution centers, and ADR-dedicated court staff.

F. The court shall not request working copies of documents in paper format.



Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: May 1, 2020

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