

## **Tennessee State Court Update**

On March 13, 2020, the Supreme Court of Tennessee declared a state of emergency. The Tennessee Supreme Court's order, on April 24, declared in-person proceedings through May 31 and jury trials through July 3. This order directed the judges in each judicial district to develop a comprehensive written plan to either (1) gradually begin conducting some non-emergency in-person court proceedings or (2) continue to abide by the court's guidelines and restrictions set forth in the Tennessee Supreme Court's March 25 order.

In addition, the order encouraged usage of electronic signatures and remote notaries and asked courts not to issue eviction orders and to limit any new garnishments. Finally, deadlines set forth in court rules, statutes, ordinances, administrative rules, orders of protection or temporary injunctions set to expire before May 31 have been extended through June 5, with some exceptions.























