

The Governor, our Supreme Court and public health authorities have advised public and private agencies and businesses to promptly take necessary and appropriate precautions to reduce exposure to novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and slow the spread of the disease. As a result, the Court has issued the Declaration of Judicial Emergency for the Second Judicial District. The coming weeks and months are not going to be easy but please remember that these actions are being undertaken to ensure the safety, health and well-being of everyone.

As President Judge, I encourage all members of the Bar, particularly those in a position of authority to permit your associates, co-workers and employees whenever possible to work remotely so as to reduce the spread of the disease and reduce the burden and anxiety caused by this unprecedented situation. Please continue to be understanding, patient and tolerant as we all cope with the ever changing reality of this temporary crisis. Now is the time for all of us to demonstrate the strength of character and determination that is a hallmark of being a citizen of Lancaster County. I remain convinced that together we will weather this storm.

Thank you all for your consideration and cooperation.

Respectfully,

David L. Ashworth, President Judge