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RE: 2020-PR-36; Order Amending 2020-PR-31

To Kansas Municipal Judges:

The last couple of weeks have presented numerous challenges to court operations across Kansas. Many of your courts have been closed or moved to restricted operations. For others, your courts remain open but trials, hearings, and other matters are being continued to a future date.

Last week my colleagues and I entered 2020-PR-36, an order that amends 2020-PR-31. This amended order continues to suspend certain deadlines and time limitations in our municipal courts but expands the scope of application to include courts that are inaccessible because of the current pandemic. We enter this provision in conjunction with the many steps we have taken to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

In crafting these orders the Court has questioned and sought the advice of Amanda Stanley, General Counsel for the League of Kansas Municipalities (the League). I take this opportunity to thank her for her professionalism and expertise, like all counsel who appear before the Court, in aiding us in our contemplation of these orders. There are multiple operational issues that municipalities encounter daily and Ms. Stanley's representation of the League, and its members, before our Court has been a great help. For last week's order, we also consulted with Judge Karen Torline, President of the Kansas Municipal Judges Association. We appreciate her prompt input as well. While this letter comes after the entry of the Court's amended order, you should be aware of our gratitude for your colleagues' work on these issues.

As Kansas judges we are all aware of our unwavering duty to provide justice for all who appear before us. I commend you for your work during this time of unprecedented challenge for our nation, state, and communities to ensure that occurs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marla Luckert".

MARLA LUCKERT  
Chief Justice

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