UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ORDER ON CIVIL JURY TRIALS AND MEDIATIONS

ADM-1 ORDER 20-30

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

In support of this order, the court adopts and incorporates the findings made in Standing Order ADM-1, Order 20-25. In addition to those findings, the court further finds that since the first announced case in New Hampshire on March 2, 2020, the state has reported 7,573 confirmed cases of COVID-19. So far, 434 deaths have been attributed to the disease in this state. Further, in New Hampshire approximately 1,900 people are being monitored for signs of COVID-19 infection, over 225,659 people have been tested, and community-based transmission has been confirmed. Nationally, the number of confirmed cases has grown to over 6,419,545 with 192,448 cases resulting in death.¹

Given the continued escalation of the COVID-19 pandemic, the court continues the following:

- 1. Pending further order, and unless a jury trial is requested by all parties to a case or ordered by the presiding judge, all civil jury trials assigned to the undersigned judges are continued. All final pretrial conferences associated with continued jury trials are also continued.
- 2. Pending further order, all scheduled in-person court sponsored/conducted mediations are continued. Magistrate Judge Johnstone, however, is available to conduct mediations on request by video conference. All requests for Magistrate Johnstone to mediate a case should be made to the presiding judge.

This order supersedes paragraph 7 of ADM-1, 20-25, effective October 1, 2020.

SO ORDERED.

Date: September 11, 2020

Landya B. McCafferty Chief Judge

Joseph N. Laplante District Judge

¹ The New Hampshire statistics are taken from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services COVID-19 website (<u>https://www.nh.gov/covid19/</u>). The national statistics are taken from the John Hopkins University of Medicine Coronavirus Resource Center website (<u>https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/</u>).

Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. District Judge

Steven J. Mc Auliffe District Judge

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Andrea K. Johnstone Magistrate Judge