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**Chief Judge announces June 2020 Circuit-Wide Operational Plan for Tenth Circuit Courts
(Peoria, Tazewell, Marshall, Putnam and Stark Counties)**

1. On May 20, 2020, the Illinois Supreme Court modified Order M.R. 30370, which states in part, "effective June 1, 2020, each circuit may return to hearing court matters, whether in person or remotely, according to a schedule to be adopted for each county by the chief judge in each circuit. The circuit courts shall continue, to the extent possible, to allow for appropriate social distancing and attempt to reduce the number of persons appearing personally for court appearances."
2. In consultation with various justice partners, a superseding 10th Circuit Administrative Order (2020 – 13) is now in place, defining a **June 2020** Circuit-Wide Operational Plan For The Courts, Including Courthouse Access and Trials.
3. While the details of the A.O. 2020 – 13 are significant and can be found in full at www.10thcircuitcourtil.org it can be summarized as providing:
 - a) More, but limited in-person matters.
 - b) Even more remote hearings.
 - c) Some, but less, continuances.
4. While only limited in-person matters will be scheduled in June, some added strategies for patrons allowed into the Courthouse for court business include:
 - a) Make sure you are permitted for an in-person hearing, as many have been set for remote hearing or have been continued.
 - b) Face coverings and appropriate social distancing will be required.
 - c) If allowed, arrive on time and depart when your matter is concluded.
 - d) Only necessary people to a hearing should come to court. Leave spectators, friends at home. Follow directional signage.
 - e) Be prepared to be screened and follow directions of security.
5. This has been an unprecedented time for the judicial branch of government. Cooperative efforts of many, including the public, will be necessary and appreciated so that access to justice and appropriate concern for public health can coincide. Thank you.