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March 24. 2020

RE: In The Supreme Court Of Texas (Misc. Docket No. 20-9045)

Fourth Emergency Order Regarding The COVID-19 State of Disaster

In The Supreme Court of Texas (Misc. Docket No. 20-9046)

Fifth Emergency Order Regarding The COVID-19 State of Disaster

Dear Counsel and Litigants:

Please find attached the fourth and fifth emergency orders issued by the Texas Supreme Court on March 19, 2020 and March 20, 2020.

Respectfully,

James Lagomarsino

District Judge / Local Administrative Judge

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 20-9045

FOURTH EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER

ORDERED that:

- 1. Governor Abbott has declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas in response to the imminent threat of the COVID-19 pandemic. This order is issued pursuant to Section 22.0035(b) of the Texas Government Code.
- 2. This Order supplements and does not replace or amend the First, Second, or Third Emergency Orders Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster.
- 3. In any action for eviction to recover possession of residential property under Chapter 24 of the Texas Property Code and Rule 510 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure:
 - a. No trial, hearing, or other proceeding may be conducted, and all deadlines are tolled, until after April 19, 2020;
 - b. A writ of possession may issue, but the posting of the written warning required by § 24.0061(d)(1) of the Property Code and the execution of the writ of possession may not occur until after April 26, 2020, and the deadlines in Rules 510.8(d)(1)-(d)(2) are tolled while this Order remains in effect; and
 - c. New filings may be accepted, but the time period in Rule 510.4(a)(10) is suspended, and issuance and service of citation may not occur until after April 19, 2020.
 - 4. A case covered by Paragraph 3 may nevertheless proceed if, but only if:
 - a. The plaintiff files a "Sworn Complaint for Forcible Detainer for Threat to Person or For Cause":

- b. The court determines that the facts and grounds for eviction stated in the Complaint, under oath with personal knowledge, taken as true, show that the actions of the tenant, or the tenant's household members or guests, pose an imminent threat of (i) physical harm to the plaintiff, the plaintiff's employees, or other tenants, or (ii) criminal activity; and
 - c. The court signs an order stating procedures for the case to proceed.
- 5. This Order is effective immediately and expires April 19, 2020, unless extended by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
 - 6. The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to:
 - a. post a copy of this Order on www.txcourts.gov;
 - b. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State; and
 - c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Attorney General, and each member of the Legislature.
- 7. The State Bar of Texas is directed to take all reasonable steps to notify members of the Texas bar of this Order.

Dated: March 19, 2020

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 20-9046

FIFTH EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 STATE OF DISASTER

ORDERED that:

- 1. Governor Abbott has declared a state of disaster in all 254 counties in the State of Texas in response to the imminent threat of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2. This Order supplements and does not replace or amend prior Emergency Orders Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster.
- 3. All deadlines, whether prescribed by statute, rule, or order, related to attorney professional disciplinary and disability proceedings are tolled while this Order remains in effect.
- 4. The order is retroactive to March 13, 2020, and expires May 8, 2020, unless extended by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.
 - 5. The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to:
 - a. post a copy of this Order on www.txcourts.gov;
 - b. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State; and
 - c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Attorney General, and each member of the Legislature.
- 6. The State Bar of Texas is directed to take all reasonable steps to notify members of the Texas bar of this Order.

Dated: March 20, 2020

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