



Court of Appeal
FOURTH CIRCUIT
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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JAMES F. McKAY III
CHIEF JUDGE

April 16, 2020

Ms. Helena Henderson
New Orleans Bar Association
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RE: Continued Operation of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit

Dear Ms. Henderson:

I hope that you and your staff are safe and secure as we all navigate these challenging times.

Please share with your membership that the Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit, while it may be physically inaccessible during the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been virtually accessible and functioning since March 13, 2020 and is committed to remaining accessible as follows:

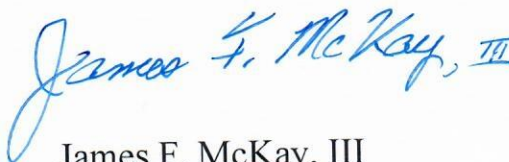
- The Court continues to accept initial filings and filings in matters pending before the Court. It has waived its convenience fee associated with accessing its electronic filing system for such filings. Licensed Louisiana attorneys may register for use of the Court's e-filing system and may file pleadings at <https://ecourt.la4th.org/Register.aspx>.
- The Court is continuing to issue opinions, writ dispositions and orders on matters pending before the Court. Opinions on pending appeals are

issued by the Court on a weekly basis. Writ dispositions and Orders are being issued as necessary.

- The Court continues to address Applications for Supervisory Writs, particularly those applications that seek expedited consideration.
- While Governor John Bel Edwards and the Louisiana Supreme Court have issued proclamations and orders extending the deadlines for the filing of pleadings, the Court continues to accept and process initial filings, briefs, motions, etc. for those attorneys wishing to file prior to the expiration of those deadlines.
- The Court also remains accessible by direct contact with our Clerk of Court, Justin Woods. Mr. Woods can be reached on his mobile phone at 504-421-8522 and our Chief Deputy Clerk, JoAnn Veal, can be reached on her mobile phone at 504-439-9975.
- As always, attorneys and members of the public with matters pending before this Court or those wishing to access the Court for an initial filing or for further information can reference the Court's website for up-to-date information at www.la4th.org.

We look forward to returning to our physical facility when we are advised it is safe to do so but in the meantime, we are committed to maintaining access to the Court through use of available technology.

Sincerely,



James F. McKay, III
Chief Judge