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Office of Workers' Compensation Administration

April 3, 2020

In accordance with Governor John Bel Edwards' April 2, 2020 Stay at Home Order, all OWC offices will remain closed through April 30, 2020.

All in-person court appearances and mediations are cancelled through April 30, 2020 unless extended.

With the exception of unrepresented/pro se settlements, no emergency hearings will take place during the pendency of the Stay-at-Home Order.

No pleadings will be accepted by e-mail, except for Settlement Petitions and Attorney Fee Petitions, as indicated herein. The original and filing fee must be mailed to the respective district office.

In accordance with the April 3, 2020 Order of the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Workers' Compensation Administration, Louisiana workers' compensation judges will review and/or approve workers' compensation settlements and attorney fee petitions for their respective district or division office or another district or division office, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day from now until the end of the Governor's Stay at Home Order issued on April 2, 2020, until terminated or extended, whichever occurs first.

Louisiana workers' compensation judges will receive, review and/or approve settlements and attorney fee petitions for their district or division office and/or for another district or division office to which they are assigned below, in the following manner, to-wit:

- a. District Judge Brenza Jones at BIrving-Jones@lwc.la.gov for District 1E - Monroe;
- b. District Judge Linda Smith at LSmith7@lwc.la.gov for District 1W- Shreveport;
- c. District Judge Adam Johnson at AJohnson1@lwc.la.gov for District 4 - Lafayette, District 2 - Alexandria and Cajun Division;

- d. District Judge Charlotte Bushnell at CBushnell@lwc.la.gov for District 3 - Lake Charles and Western Division;
- e. Division Judge Jason Ourso at JOurso@lwc.la.gov for Central Division and District 5 - Baton Rouge;
- f. District Judge Catrice Reid at CREid1@lwc.la.gov for District 8 - New Orleans and District 6 - Covington;
- g. District Judge Elizabeth Lanier at ELanier@lwc.la.gov for District 9 - Houma;
- h. Division Judge Paula Murphy at PMurphy2@lwc.la.gov for Acadiana Division;
- i. Division Judge Diane Lundeen at DLundeen@lwc.la.gov for Eastern Division
- j. Workers' Compensation District Judge Shannon Bishop at SBruno@lwc.la.gov for District 7 - Harahan and Pro Se Settlements for all districts and divisions

All pro-se settlements must be submitted via e-mail to Workers' Compensation District Judge Shannon Bishop. Judge Bishop will schedule the pro-se settlement for a video hearing and will advise the parties of the date and time the hearing is scheduled.