ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE COURTS

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, and at the direction of the Chief Judge, I hereby promulgate, effective immediately and until further order, the following additional procedures and protocols to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

- A. The court shall not order or compel, for a deposition or other litigation discovery, the personal attendance of physicians or other medical personnel (including administrative personnel) who perform services at a hospital or other medical facility that is active in the treatment of COVID-19 patients. Parties are encouraged to pursue discovery in cooperative fashion to the fullest extent possible.
- B. The provisions of paragraph A are authorized on a temporary basis, and will be reviewed and circumscribed promptly at the conclusion of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Chief Administrative Judge of the Courts

Dated: May 2, 2020 AO/88/20