

**Legal Alert: Coronavirus Update on Housing Court Proceedings**

March 16, 2020

**We have received notification concerning the operation of the NYS Courts as follows:**

**EVICTIONS:** Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, all eviction proceedings and pending eviction orders shall be suspended statewide until further notice.

**NYC HOUSING COURT:** Until further notice, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, no cases will be heard other than emergency applications such as lockouts; serious housing code violations and repair orders. There will be one judge sitting in each county for this purpose. As of now, pending cases, other than trials, are being adjourned into mid-April/early May. Trials that have already commenced are expected to go forward as scheduled. Judges have discretion to grant adjournments if the parties prefer. Trials that have not yet started will be adjourned.

**CIVIL COURT/SUPREME COURT CASES:** Pending trials will continue to conclusion. All other matters will be postponed until further notice.

**NASSAU/SUFFOLK HOUSING COURTS:** Until further notice, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, no cases will be heard other than emergency applications such as lockouts; serious housing code violations and repair orders. An emergency judge will be sitting in Nassau County District Court in Hempstead and in Central Islip for all Suffolk County cases, for this purpose. The Nassau County Clerk's office has advised that new cases will be calendared for June 1st and 2nd.

**WESTCHESTER HOUSING COURT:** Until further notice, effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, the Courts are closed for all matters. All emergency applications such as lockouts; serious housing code violations and repair orders will be heard in White Plains.

Feel free to contact us with any questions.