

Supreme Court of Florida

AOSC10-4

IN RE: EMERGENCY REQUEST TO EXTEND TIME PERIODS
UNDER ALL FLORIDA RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR
ESCAMBIA COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS on Friday, February 12, 2010, winter storm conditions caused the closure of the courts in Escambia County in the First Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS this danger also may have temporarily impeded the ability of attorneys, litigants, witnesses, jurors, and others in the performance of their duties and obligations with respect to many legal processes throughout the State of Florida;

THEREFORE, pursuant to the administrative authority conferred upon me by article V, section 2, of the Florida Constitution and Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.205(a)(2)(B)(iv),

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. In Escambia County, all time limits authorized by rule and statute, including the speedy trial procedure, in criminal and juvenile proceedings are

tolled from 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010, through 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 15, 2010, *nunc pro tunc*.

2. In Escambia County, all time limits authorized by rule and statute applicable to civil (inclusive of circuit and county), family, criminal, domestic violence, probate, traffic, and small claims proceedings are tolled from 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010, through 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 15, 2010, *nunc pro tunc*.

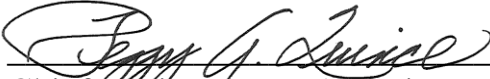
3. In Escambia County, all time limits authorized by rule and statute applicable to notices of appeal of final and nonfinal orders, whether filed in the circuit or county court, are tolled from 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010, through 8:00 a.m. on Monday, February 15, 2010, *nunc pro tunc*.

4. This Court recognizes that there may be instances where, because of this danger, these and other time limits applicable to matters in Escambia County could not be met even upon application of the tolling periods stated above. If such a claim is made, it shall be resolved by the court in which jurisdiction is vested on a case-by-case basis when a party demonstrates that the lack of compliance with requisite time periods was directly attributable to this emergency situation.

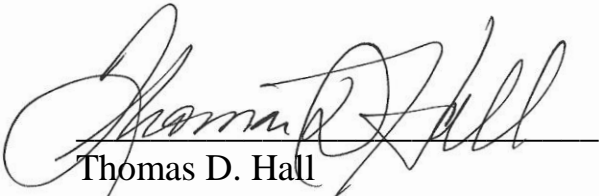
5. The Court also recognizes that matters outside Escambia County may have also been affected by this emergency situation. Consequently, the tolling of time periods in matters outside Escambia County shall be permitted only when a

party demonstrates that the lack of compliance with requisite time periods was directly attributable to this emergency situation.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, on February 17, 2010.


Chief Justice Peggy A. Quince

ATTEST:


Thomas D. Hall
Clerk, Supreme Court

