

MONTANA EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, CASCADE COUNTY

JUDGE ELIZABETH BEST) CAUSE NO. SB-2020-_____
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) **ORDER RE: TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS**
) **RELATED TO COVID-19**
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Consistent with current guidance from the Montana Supreme Court, this Court continues its efforts to limit exposure of members of the public, lawyers, and court staff to COVID-19. At least until **May 17, 2020**, the following procedures apply:

Counsel and self-represented parties shall follow the Order on Filing issued on March 17, 2020 regarding electronic filing and filing by regular mail, with a goal of avoiding entry into the Courthouse if possible.

Please do not come to the Courthouse if you can avoid it.

Parties should file motions and proposed orders to continue any non-essential hearings. If continued, these hearings will be reset for after April 30, 2020.

The Court will not hold its usual quarterly debtor judgment hearings on **June 16, 2020**, and will sign no orders of default on debtor judgments, or any action which

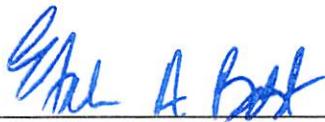
potentially could result in an eviction or foreclosure until at least **May 17, 2020**.

To the extent possible, participation by telephone or videoconference will be required for hearings scheduled before April 30, 2020. The parties are directed to confer with one another prior to any scheduled hearing and determine whether the hearing must be done in person or whether it can be conducted telephonically OR via video conference. After conferring with one another, they shall contact the Court's Judicial Assistant to determine the logistics for appearance at the hearing.

Video appearances are preferred to ensure an accurate record.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation. This situation is a challenge for all of us, and our primary concern is to avoid and minimize serious risks. We are committed to maintaining access to the courts.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2020.



ELIZABETH A. BEST
FOR ALL CASCADE COUNTY DISTRICT JUDGES