

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Pursuant to the authority vested in me, in accordance with the recent operational protocols issued by the Chief Administrative Judge for the trial courts of the Unified Court System and after consultation with the Chief Administrative Judge and the Deputy Chief Administrative Judge and

WHEREAS, New York State and the nation are now in the midst of an unprecedented public health crisis surrounding the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is known to be a highly infectious disease, and there is much community concern that large gatherings of people can result in greater public exposure to possible contagion or "community spread"; and

WHEREAS, on a daily basis, in courts across the State, hundreds if not thousands of people representing a broad cross-section of the community gather to conduct business in large groups in close proximity to one another, it is hereby

ORDERED that until the Second Amended Administrative Order issued on March 24, 2020 and any subsequent amendments thereto are rescinded, the attached Virtual Courtroom Protocol, and any subsequent amendments thereto, shall remain in effect in all Counties of the Ninth Judicial District.

Dated: April 1, 2020 White Plains, New York

HON. KATHIE E. DAVIDSON Administrative Judge Ninth Judicial District

Distribution: Hon. Vito C. Caruso, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, Courts Outside New York City