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Judicial Emergency Declared for all District and Circuit Courts in the Commonwealth

DINWIDDIE, VA – Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice Donald Wayne Lemons entered an order on March 16, 2020, declaring a judicial emergency for all district and circuit courts in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Circuit Court Clerk, J. Barrett Chappell, Jr., reports “The Circuit Court Clerk's offices will be open to the public from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm until March 27. The Clerk's Offices will be working with a very limited staff and citizens wishing to transact business with Circuit Court are encouraged to do so if possible by mail, email, phone, through the website, by electronic recording of land records available through two vendors, Simplifile (1-800-460-5657) and CSC (1-866-652-0111), and e-filing of civil cases through the Supreme Court of Virginia's E-filing program.”

Chappell continued “As we work through this challenge together, please know that your safety, the safety of my staff, while still trying to conduct business the best we can is at the forefront of my thoughts.”

The public is encouraged to adhere to guidelines suggested by Centers for Disease Control regarding handwashing, social distancing and staying home if sick. Information and updates regarding COVID-19 are available via the County website, Facebook, and Twitter pages.

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