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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM**

<b>RE:</b>	)	Supreme Court of Guam
	)	Administrative Order No. ADM20-203
	)	
<b>RELATIVE TO COURT</b>	)	
<b>OPERATIONS UNDER EXIGENT</b>	)	
<b>CIRCUMSTANCES RELATED TO</b>	)	
<b>COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)</b>	)	

**WHEREAS**, 48 U.S.C.A. § 1424-1(b)(2) provides that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam shall be the administrative head of, and have general supervisory power over, all departments, divisions, and other instrumentalities of the judicial branch of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, 48 U.S.C.A. § 1424-1(b)(3) provides that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam may issue such administrative orders as necessary for the efficient administration of the judicial branch of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the Judiciary of Guam is mindful of its duty to ensure the “just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action”<sup>1</sup> as well as its duty to protect parties, court staff, witnesses, corporate representatives, and practitioners who appear before it and the community in which it sits;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by the authority vested in me by the aforementioned sections of the Organic Act of Guam, I do **ORDER**, the following precautions be taken with regard to the practice of law before the courts of Guam.

1. Attorneys scheduled to appear before the Superior or Supreme Courts of Guam who are experiencing flu-like symptoms, have a fever, or who are coughing

<sup>1</sup> Guam R. Civ. P. 1

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and/or sneezing for at least 24 hours should not come to court. Instead, please contact the appropriate Clerk of Court and opposing counsel to reschedule your hearing date.

2. Attorneys who have recently traveled to states or countries where Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreaks have occurred may, out of an abundance of caution, also contact the appropriate Clerk of Court and opposing counsel to reschedule hearing dates.

3. Attorneys meeting this description who have any other business before the courts shall contact the appropriate Clerk of Court by telephonic or other means, inform them of the nature of such business, and receive further instructions to address such business in a manner consistent with this order.

4. With regard to criminal matters wherein the right to a speedy trial has already been asserted, judges presiding over such cases shall, upon motion of a party, determine whether a delay caused by precautions taken herein amount to good cause pursuant to 8 GCA § 80.60.

5. Attorneys are expected and required to act in good-faith pursuant to the Guam Rules of Professional Conduct and other applicable rules of the court.

**SO ORDERED** this 13th day of March, 2020.

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/s/  
**F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO**  
**Chief Justice**