

IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

**STANDING ORDER No. 3
CONCERNING COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, under 10 *Del. C.* § 2004, the Delaware Supreme Court issued an Order declaring a Judicial Emergency to become effective March 16, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and continuing for 30 days, subject to further review, due to the public health threat caused by COVID-19.

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Delaware Supreme Court issued Administrative Order No. 3 implementing certain measures in response to the public health threat posed by COVID-19 concerning, among other things, statutes of limitations, deadlines in court rules or state or local statutes and ordinances, and notarization requirements.

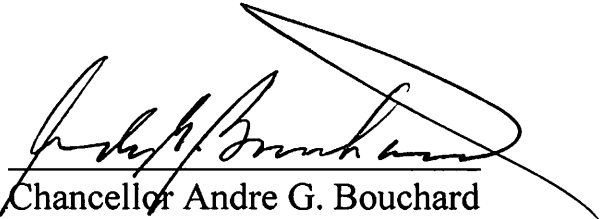
WHEREAS, consistent with Administrative Order No. 3 of the Delaware Supreme Court, and in order to facilitate the continuation of the Court of Chancery's operations to the greatest extent possible during the period of the Judicial Emergency, the Court of Chancery is modifying its processes with regard to hearings related to preliminary and routine guardianship matters and default judgments, if the Court determines that the matter may be appropriately handled through appearance by written filing and/or telephonic or other electronic means.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is **HEREBY ORDERED**, this 6th day of April, 2020, that the Court of Chancery will implement the following additional measures during the period that the Judicial Emergency remains in place:

1. Notices for hearings related to preliminary and routine guardianship matters and default judgments may provide for the appearance of interested persons or parties, by written filing and/or telephonic or other electronic means at a date and time and via the method noticed by the Court, rather than by personal appearance at the Court for a hearing, if the Court determines that such process is appropriate and in the best interest of justice.
2. If interested persons or parties fail to respond to the Court in writing by the deadline date set forth in the notice and/or to appear telephonically or by other electronic means at the date and time and via the method noticed by the Court,

the Court may enter a default judgment, or take other action, as it determines appropriate and in the best interest of justice.

3. If interested persons/parties submit a written response to the Court by the deadline date set forth in the notice and/or appear telephonically or by other electronic means at the date and time and via the method noticed by the Court, the Court will advise the interested persons/parties how the matter will proceed.



Chancellor Andre G. Bouchard