

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF COMMISSIONERS TO HANDLE SEXUAL VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER MATTERS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-4

This 13th day of September 2023.

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2023, Chapter 72 of Title 10 regarding Victims of Sexual Violence Protective Order became effective;

WHEREAS, 10 *Del. C.* § 512 governs the jurisdiction and powers of Commissioners in the Superior Court;

WHEREAS, 10 *Del. C.* § 512(b)(1)b permits the President Judge to designate Commissioners to conduct hearings including evidentiary hearings;

WHEREAS, Administrative Order 2023-3 entered on April 17, 2023 requires clarification of the standard of review of a Commissioner's decision;

NOW, THEREFORE, this 13th day of September 2023, **IT IS ORDERED**, that Administrative Order 2023-4 supersedes and replaced Administrative Order 2023-3 in its entirety and that Superior Court Commissioners may handle Sexual Violence Protective Order filings under 10 *Del. C.* §§ 7204, 7205 and 7206. Any party in interest aggrieved by a decision of a Superior Court Commissioner, under

these statutes, may file written objections pursuant to 10 *Del. C.* § 512(b)(1) d. with the Court and a Superior Court Judge will review such objections *de novo*.

/s/ Eric M. Davis
President Judge Eric M. Davis