TO:

Forsyth County Bar

FROM:

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Burke

RE:

Reduced Court Operations due to Courthouse Move

We anticipate moving to the new courthouse in October, with an opening date of October 23, 2023. Court operations will necessarily be reduced in October to accomplish this move.

As a result, and in consultation with Chief District Court Judge Roemer, this memorandum should serve as guidance for the Forsyth County Bar regarding Forsyth County Hall of Justice operations during the month of October, 2023.

## **CRIMINAL SUPERIOR COURTS**

All criminal superior courts will be closed from Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Court will resume as scheduled on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

## **CIVIL SUPERIOR COURTS**

All civil superior courts will be closed from Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Court will resume as scheduled on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

## CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURTS

The following criminal courts will be closed from Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>:

- TRAFFIC COURTROOM 1A
- CRIMINAL COURTROOM 1C
- DOMESTIC CRIMINAL COURTROOM 3C
- KERNERSVILLE COURTROOM 001
- ADMINISTRATIVE TRAFFIC COURTROOM 1B

FELONY PRELIMINARY COURTROOM 3A will be held on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at a reduced level, handling new cases (first scheduled preliminary date) and necessary jail cases only. Defendants' appearance is waived if counsel has filed written notice of appearance or been appointed prior to the court date. Preliminary court will NOT OPERATE during the week of the Judges' Fall Conference, October 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>.

FIRST APPEARANCES COURTROOM 3B will operate with no changes to the schedule.

JUVENILE COURTROOM 4J will conduct mandatory juvenile court proceedings, and non-mandatory matters will be given new dates.

## CIVIL DISTRICT COURTS

The following civil courts will be closed from Monday, October 9th through Friday, October 20th:

- DIVORCE COURTROOM WEBEX
- CHILD SUPPORT COURTROOM 3A
- CHAMBERS COURTS 4A, 4C, 4H

The following civil courts will operate on a normal schedule:

- Emergency/ex parte requests pursuant to N.C.G.S. Chapter 50, 50B, 50C
- 10-day return hearings on the above requests pursuant to N.C.G.S. Chapter 50, 50B, 50C
- Involuntary Commitments
- Civil Magistrate's Court at the Government Center