

IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF NEWTON AND WALTON COUNTIES
ALCOVY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER DECLARING WEATHER-RELATED JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

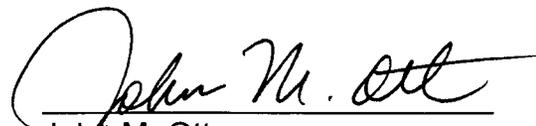
The undersigned judicial official, acting under authority of O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60, *et seq.*, hereby declares the existence of a judicial emergency in the counties of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, as the result of a weather system with ice and snow which officials designated as causing hazardous road travel. This weather system substantially endangered or infringed upon the normal functioning of the judicial system and the ability of jurors, litigants, and other persons to have access to the courts or to meet schedules or time deadlines imposed by court order, rule, statute, or administrative rule or regulation.

The judicial emergency began in Newton County at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, and extended until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2014, when the courthouse reopened. The judicial emergency began in Walton County at 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, and extended until 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. During this period, access to each county courthouse and each clerk's office was impossible or impractical, and there was no reasonably accessible or appropriate other facility for the conduct of court business.

For the period of the judicial emergency defined above specific to the appropriate county, the undersigned hereby suspends, tolls, extends, or otherwise grants relief from deadlines, other time schedules, or filing requirements enumerated in O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62.

Let the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia be notified of the action *instanter* by fax transmission. Let all Judges and Clerks of Court of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, and the Clerks of the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Georgia, be notified and served with a copy of this action by fax or e-mail transmission. Let the presiding Judge or the Clerk of Court for each court in each county provide notice of the Order to affected parties, to their counsel, and to the public either by direct announcement or by posting a copy in a place of public view in each clerk's office, on the county's or the clerk's website, and/or at other public viewing location(s).

This 31st day January, 2014, at 10:58 o'clock a.m., *nunc pro tunc*, January 28, 2014, at 2:00 p.m..



John M. Ott
Chief Judge, Superior Courts
Alcovy Judicial Circuit

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