To: All Members of the Bar Association

From: Judges Kohlreiser, Reed & Staley and Clerk of Courts, Margie Murphy Miller

Re: Changes in Court Operations

Date: June 23, 2020

 On March 16, 2020 temporary policies were enacted by Judges Derryberry, Kohlreiser, Reed and Staley designed to reduce personal contact between public using the courthouse and individuals employed by the Courts and administrative offices.

 While the Courts and Clerk are still attempting to utilize practices to limit exposure, it is appropriate to initiate the expansion of services of the Courts and public access to the courthouse.

 Effective June 29, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. all filing and cost payment directives contained in the March 16, 2020 communication pertaining to the General and Domestic Divisions and the Clerk of Courts of those divisions are rescinded.

 Also effective June 29, 2020 the Allen County Courthouse at 301 N. Main Street, Lima, Ohio will return to previous public operating hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

 Please consult any individual office for specific operational hours of that office and any protocol regarding usage of that office. Please contact the respective Court prior to any hearing for any case specific concerns.

 This does not affect the Juvenile and Probate divisions or their respective clerk offices as those divisions have issued separate operational policies and directives controlling those divisions.