

## RECENT STATE OF FLORIDA GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

**Court Operations Workgroup** | Florida Supreme Court Administrative Order [AOSC20-28](#) | Florida Supreme Court Chief Judge Canady created the “Workgroup on the Continuity of Court Operations and Proceedings During and After COVID-19” to develop recommendations to continue and re-establish court operations. The 17 members are directed to consider actions to be taken under four different “phases of the pandemic” (i) while in-person contact continues to be inadvisable, (ii) when limited in-person contact is authorized for certain purposes with protective measures, (iii) when in-person contact is more broadly authorized and protective measures are relaxed, and (iv) after COVID-19 is no longer a significant risk.

The Workgroup will have until June 30<sup>th</sup> to respond to the layers of issues. Specific actions to consider include examination of different proceeding types (and how different proceedings can be conducted remotely), identification of technology (along with challenges and costs associated with any technology), proposal of protective measures, and identification of proceedings that can remain remote after COVID-19 is no longer a risk. The group is also charged with monitoring the backlog and prioritizing in-person proceedings for when they resume.