IN DISTRICT COURT SOUTHWEST JUDICIAL DISTRICT STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-2 - SUSPENDING JURY TRIALS

[1] A State of Emergency was declared by Governor Doug Burgum on March 13, 2020 in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The number of COVID-19 cases in North Dakota has sharply increased in the recent months.

[2] After consultation with the judges of the district and considering new levels of increases of positive COVID-19 cases across the Southwest Judicial District, IT IS ORDERED that all jury trials in the Southwest Judicial District will be suspended until further notice. Any other hearing associated with the jury trial, including but not limited to pre-trials shall remain as scheduled. The parties shall be given at least two weeks notice of when trials shall resume.

[3] It is so ordered.

Dated this day of November, 2020.

William A. Herauf

Presiding District Judge