

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI  
16<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STATE OF MISSOURI**

In Re: Amendment to Administrative Order 2021-024 Regarding Nonessential Travel by Court Staff and Judicial Officers

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-042**

**WHEREAS**, the 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit is currently operating pursuant to Administrative Order 2021-024 which, among its other provisions intended to give effect to the Supreme Court’s Order with Operational Directives issued on July 24, 2020, directs that the 16<sup>th</sup> Circuit will operate at Phase 3 at all of its locations, with Municipal Court facilities to operate at Phase 1, 2, or 3, depending on community and other considerations; and

**WHEREAS**, paragraph 15 of Administrative Order 2021-024 provides, “All non-essential court related travel for staff and judicial officers shall continue to remain suspended;” and

**WHEREAS**, according to Section F.12 of the Supreme Court’s Operational Directives, courts operating at Phase 3 may “[c]onsider discontinuing the suspension of non-essential travel by judicial employees for work-related functions;” and

**WHEREAS**, local conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic have continued to evolve and change and, during the last two months, the communities served by the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit have continued to see a general decrease in the number of new COVID-19 cases, COVID-19-related hospitalizations, and COVID-19-related deaths, prompting the gradual easing of certain restrictions contained in prior orders, including Administrative Order 2021-024; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 478.240.2, RSMo and Article V, Section 15 of the Missouri Constitution, the Presiding Judge has general administrative authority over all judicial personnel and court officials in the Circuit,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, effective immediately and continuing until rescinded, amended, modified or extended in a subsequent Administrative Order, as follows:

1. Paragraph 15 of Administrative Order 2021-024 is amended to provide, in lieu of its current provisions, as follows: “The previously-imposed suspension on all non-essential court-related travel for staff and judicial officers is hereby lifted, provided that for departments under the authority of the Court Administrator, the Court Administrator shall have authority to permit or deny permission for such travel at the Court Administrator’s discretion. The Court Administrator shall provide notice to department directors and Deputy Court Administrators of all decisions regarding such travel as she may deem necessary.”

2. All other provisions of Administrative Order 2021-024 shall continue to remain in effect according to their terms.


**THIS ORDER MAY BE AMENDED, RESCINDED, MODIFIED OR EXTENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**March 24, 2021**

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Date



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J. Dale Youngs, Presiding Judge

**Certificate of Service**

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing was emailed to the following on March 24, 2021:

16<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Judiciary and Staff  
Frank White, County Executive  
Troy Schulte, County Administrator  
Darryl Forte, Sheriff  
Captain Dale Covey, Jackson County Sheriff's Department  
Mary A. Marquez, Court Administrator  
Jean Peters-Baker, Jackson County Prosecutor  
Ruth Petsch, District Defender, Office of the Public Defender  
All Municipal Courts  
Bar Associations located within the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

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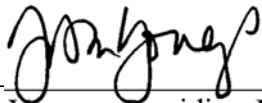
**Notice to the Supreme Court of Missouri of Higher/Lower Operating Phase**

I, J. Dale Youngs, Presiding Judge of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, hereby notify the Supreme Court of Missouri that effective February 1, 2021, the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit will be operating under the terms of the following Phases of the Supreme Court's Operational Directives, including the utilization of local solutions applicable to local conditions as set forth in this Court's Administrative Order 2021-017, effective February 1, 2021.

Kansas City Courthouse – Phase 2;  
Eastern Jackson County Courthouse – Phase 2;  
Family Justice Center – Phase 2;  
Albert Riederer Community Justice Complex – Phase 2;  
Municipal Courts within the Circuit – Phase 1 or Phase 2, pursuant to  
circumstances unique to each Municipal Court.

January 27, 2021

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J. Dale Youngs, Presiding Judge