

Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri 415 East 12th Street Kansas City, Missouri 64106

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NOTICE REGARDING RE-OPENING OF KANSAS CITY COURTHOUSE February 15, 2019

The 16th Judicial Circuit will be returning to the Kansas City courthouse on February 19, 2019. We thank the bar and the public for your understanding and patience during the courthouse closure. Here is some information regarding the Court's return to the courthouse.

The courthouse will be a construction site when we return. The 5 damaged courtrooms and offices on the east side of the 4th, 5th and 6th floors, as well as the Court Administration area on the 3rd floor, will be cordoned off and inaccessible.

<u>Four divisions are displaced</u> – Divisions 1, 4, 14 and 8. The Division 6 courtroom is also closed – Judge Youngs is at Family Court. Hearings and trials will move between courtrooms as we continue to juggle available space and the temporary loss of 5 courtrooms – please check with each Division regarding locations for hearings.

<u>All telephone numbers for displaced Divisions and for Court Administration will be the same as before</u>.

<u>Division 1 will be located in Division 27 on the 7th floor</u>. Upon completion of construction work in Division 6, Division 1 will move to the Division 6 offices and courtroom.

<u>Division 4 will be located in Division 10 on the 8th floor</u>. Be advised that during the weeks of February 19 and 25, a visiting judge will be in trial in Division 10, but Division 4 will be in the office space.

<u>Division 8 will be located in court services on the 8th floor</u> - this is located opposite of Division 18. You can enter Division 8 just as you would enter Division 18.

Division 14 will be located in Division 60 on the 4th floor.

Court Administration will be located in the Kessler Building directly south of the courthouse, 1301 Oak Street, Suite 400A.

The jury room will be available for jury qualification.

Parking Lot A behind the courthouse will remain closed.

The south entrance to the courthouse is closed. Please use either the west or north entrance. The south entrance will only be used by construction trades and for bringing defendants from the Jackson County Jail for hearings and trial.

The west bank of elevators are not working – therefore you can only use the east bank of <u>elevators</u>. The service elevator on the east bank of elevators is only available for construction trades and prisoner transfer. We understand this means it will take longer to get everyone upstairs – please be patient.

Because demolition and re-construction will be continuing, expect that there will be noise, dust and disruptions. All reasonable efforts will be made to minimize these disruptions.

THANK YOU TO ALL for your patience and understanding!!

Very truly yours, PRESIDING JUDGE