

CIVIL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

DIRECTIVES AND PROCEDURES

Subject: Default Judgments Entered During Coronavirus Pandemic

Class: DRP-205

Category: LT-20

Eff. Date: March 13, 2020

=====

BACKGROUND:

A novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is currently spreading worldwide and severely impacting our community here in New York City. To combat this epidemic, both the Governor of New York State, Andrew M. Cuomo, and the Mayor of New York City, Bill de Blasio, have each issued a state of emergency in both State and local governments. Current policies call for social distancing of individuals, restricting large gatherings, and limiting occupancy in certain venues. In light of these concerns, we are instituting the following directive.

DIRECTIVE:

Until further notice, the clerk shall not enter a default judgment in a proceeding for possession of a residential premises until such time as the current public health crisis has abated and this directive is rescinded.

The foregoing is without prejudice to the right of petitioner to seek an exception by submitting a motion on notice establishing that no party is negatively affected by the COVID-19 epidemic.

Dated: March 13, 2020

_____/S/_____
Hon. Anthony Cannataro
Administrative Judge
Civil Court of the City of New York