

ADDENDUM TO THE GENERAL ORDER CONCERNING CRIMINAL CASES
Issued April 1, 2020

The Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia issued on March 18 and amended on March 19, 2020 an order pursuant to his emergency authority concerning the current public health emergency (“March 19 Order”). With respect to deadlines, the March 19 Order provides that, unless otherwise ordered by the court, all deadlines and time limits in statutes, court rules, and standing and other orders issued by the court that would otherwise expire before May 15, 2020 are suspended, tolled, and extended during the period of the current emergency. The May 15 date may be extended depending on the circumstances.

This addendum is being issued to clarify the status of expiration dates for Deferred prosecution agreements (DPAs), deferred sentencing agreements ((DSAs) and probationary terms in matters pending in the Criminal and Domestic Violence Divisions.

Deferred prosecution agreements (DPAs) and deferred sentencing agreements (DSA) will not expire during the tolling period and hearings originally scheduled to occur during this time period will be re-scheduled upon the resumption of normal court operations, consistent with the scheduling order previously issued. This does not preclude the United States Attorney’s Office or the Office of the Attorney General from dismissing a case upon a defendant’s successful completion of the terms of the DPA or DSA, or preclude the defendant from filing a motion requesting termination on an earlier date, upon a showing that all conditions of the DPA or DSA have been fulfilled.

Probationary sentences will terminate on the original end date, unless an Alleged Violation Report (AVR) is filed by the Court Services Offender and Supervision Agency (CSOSA) prior to the probation end date, which will serve to toll the expiration of probation pending further court action.

This Addendum to the General Order shall remain in effect unless and until it is modified or rescinded as circumstances change.

Issued on April 1, 2020 by order of the Presiding Judges of the Criminal and Domestic Violence Divisions.

Judge Juliet J. McKenna

Judge Maribeth Raffinan