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To the Members of the Bar Association:

On behalf of the staff in the Worcester Probate and Family Court, I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate the unknown surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the past several weeks, the Judicial and Registry staff have worked tirelessly to adjust our protocols so we can provide access to justice while ensuring the safety of the staff and the public.

While the courthouse remains closed to the public through at least May 4, we will continue to follow the protocols in [Probate and Family Court Standing Order 2-20](#) (updated April 6, 2020). If you have a matter you believe is an emergency, please contact the Court as directed in our Guidelines (attached).

Through all this, the Registry remains operational. Please continue to mail non-emergency pleadings, and when possible I encourage you to e-file documents.

For questions or concerns regarding the protocol, the status of an existing case, or for general filing information including e-filing guidelines, please contact me directly. I can be reached at Stephanie.fattman@jud.state.ma.us or by phone at: 857-972-3132. I am available to help you navigate this new process and can serve as your direct contact to your cases.

Thank you again for all your help through this evolving situation. Best wishes of good health to you and your families, please stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

Stephanie K. Fattman

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