

April 30, 2020 – NY Courts to Permit Some Non-Essential Filings

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Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks issued a memorandum setting forth “next steps” for opening up New York courts to non-essential matters. On Monday, May 4, 2020, courts with NYSCEF e-filing systems will accept filings for new motions, responsive papers to previously filed motions and other applications (including post-judgment applications) and notices of appeal. The prohibition against the filing and commencement of new, non-essential cases remains in effect. For those courts without NYSCEF e-filing systems or for those litigants that cannot e-file papers, the Administrative Judges of each court will provide procedures for utilization of a new electronic document delivery system which will enable lawyers and litigants to send documents to courts for filing and other purposes in a secure and efficient manner. This new document delivery system requires the service by electronic means. Judge Marks also announced the opening of the Problem-solving courts and the resumption of judicial referrals to ADR programs.

A copy of the April 30, 2020 Memorandum of Chief Administrative Judge Lawrence Marks can be found [here](#).