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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

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IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TWELVE

Administrative Order Eleven is murky about bench trials scheduled between 23 March 2021 and 21 May 2021. The Order implies that those non-jury trials have been continued, too, but does not say so plainly. The Court therefore clarifies its intention. As with all jury trials, bench trials set during this period are continued across the board. Any setting may be reinstated for good cause after the presiding Judge considers all the circumstances. Administrative Order Eleven at 2-3. Because neither potential jurors nor a jury will be involved in any bench trial, the Court expects that several of these trials will be held between late March and late May.

All the active and senior United States District Judges and United States Magistrate Judges for the Eastern District of Arkansas concur in this Administrative Order.

So Ordered.

D.P. Marshall Jr.
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Chief Judge

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