

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT
NOTICE OF FURTHER AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDER 20-01

Standing Order 20-01, as adopted by the court effective March 23, 2020, suspended the oral argument requirement for published opinions in cases calendared for oral argument during the court's March 17-20, 2020, and April 7, 2020, sessions.

Effective April 7, 2020, Standing Order 20-01 was amended to suspend the oral argument requirement for published opinions in cases tentatively calendared for argument during the court's May 5-8, 2020, session.

In light of the continuing need for social distancing presented by the coronavirus, the court recently suspended in-person oral arguments for its September 9-11, 2020, session and now amends Standing Order 20-01 to extend the suspension of the oral argument requirement for published opinions to cases assigned for pre-argument review while in-person argument sessions are suspended.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Standing Order 20-01 is amended to suspend the oral argument requirement for published opinions in cases assigned for pre-argument review, tentatively calendared, or calendared for argument while in-person argument sessions are suspended due to the coronavirus.

The court having determined there to be an immediate need for this amendment, the amendment will take effect immediately. Interested parties may submit comments on Amended Standing Order 20-01 or before September 24, 2020 to:

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August 24, 2020
Date

s/Patricia S. Connor
Clerk

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

Temporary Suspension of	*	
Argument Requirement for	*	Standing Order 20-01
Published Opinions	*	

ORDER

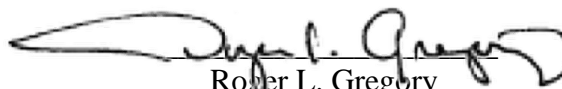
Fourth Circuit Local Rule 36(a) sets forth the court’s standards for publication of opinions and further provides that the court will publish opinions “only in cases that have been fully briefed and presented at oral argument.”

To enable the court to continue to issue opinions in accordance with its publication standards and in response to the need for social distancing to contain the novel coronavirus, the court temporarily suspends its oral argument requirement for published opinions.

Accordingly, cases assigned for pre-argument review, tentatively calendared, or calendared for argument while in-person argument sessions are suspended due to the coronavirus may be decided by published opinion with the unanimous consent of the panel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:


Roger L. Gregory
Chief Judge

Dated: March 23, 2020
Amended: April 7, 2020
Amended: August 24, 2020

*Note: In-person argument sessions were suspended due to the coronavirus from March 2020 through October 2021; in-person argument sessions were again suspended for the January 25-28, 2022, session.