

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

**NOTICE OF STANDING ORDER 20-01**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the court has adopted Standing Order 20-01, effective for cases on the court's March 17-20, 2020, and April 7, 2020, oral argument calendars.

The court having determined there to be an immediate need for the order, it will take effect immediately. Interested parties may submit comments on or before April 24, 2020, to:

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March 23, 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**

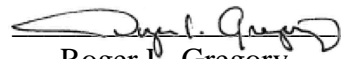
Fourth Circuit Local Rule 36(a) sets forth the court’s standards for publication of opinions and further provides that the court will publish opinions “only in cases that have been fully briefed and presented at oral argument.”

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 calendared for oral argument in March or April 2020 but not presented at oral argument 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