

# ADOPTED April 7, 2020

## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

### NOTICE OF 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 scheduled for oral argument during the court's March 17-20, 2020, and April 7, 2020, sessions.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the court has now amended Standing Order 20-01 to suspend the oral argument requirement for published opinions in cases tentatively calendared for May 5-8, 2020.

Although the pressures of the public health crisis preventing in-person argument in March, April, and May 2020 have occasioned a temporary change in the court's practices, the court is nonetheless affording these cases equal jurisprudential rigor and attention.

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 Standing Order 20-01 or before May 4, 2020, to:

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Date

s/Patricia S. Connor

Clerk

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

### ORDER

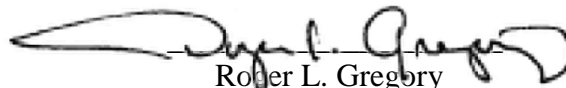
Fourth Circuit Local Rule 36(a) sets forth the court's standards for publication of opinions and further provides that the court will publish opinions "only in cases that have been fully briefed and presented at oral argument."

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, or tentatively calendared for oral argument in May 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  
Amended: April 7, 2020