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In-Person Summary Court Proceedings Suspended Beginning on January 11

Order issued from the South Carolina Supreme Court

South Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty issued a statewide order Wednesday that suspends all inperson summary court proceedings effective Monday, January 11. <u>Charleston County Magistrate/Summary courts</u> will remain open to the public to provide other services as needed and will utilize Webex technology to hold some hearings.

According to the order, Judge Beatty suspended in-person hearings due to the ongoing increase in COVID-19 cases. Exemptions include bond hearings and emergency matters including, but not limited to, restraining orders, orders of protection, and vacating of bench warrants.

The Court will notify affected citizens.



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