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RE: Corona Virus (Covid-19) Memorandum to the Public

Update on The Courts

All Pennsylvania Courts are CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC and all matters not deemed to be emergency or essential will be suspended through April 3, 2020 until further notification.

Additionally, all legal papers or pleading which were scheduled to be filed between March 19, 2020 and April 3, 2020 will be deemed to have been filed timely if submitted by April 6, 2020.

Statewide the courts have declared a judicial emergency and, effective at close of business on March 19, 2020, all courts of Pennsylvania are closed to the public through at least April 3, 2020. Certain essential functions will still be held at the courts. This includes: emergency petitions for guardianship, preliminary injunction proceedings where the moving party can establish a threat of irreparable harm, emergency petitions for child custody where there is immediate danger to the child, and others.

Recent Federal Legislation

New emergency legislature was enacted on March 18, 2020. Our office has reviewed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and can provide guidance on labor and employment issues regards the expansion of Emergency Family and Medical Leave Act, Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act, and the tax credits available to employers and businesses to whom these statutes apply. For more information please see *Memorandum to Businesses and Employers*.

Update on Our Office

Our office has made the transition to remote operations and is telecommuting. This means our office will remain “open” and available to address your any of your legal matters. We have worked diligently over the last few days to establish a process for assisting you if you are in need of urgent changes to your estate plan or are in need of guidance on any other urgent matter.

In doing so, we have acquired additional technologies that allow us to perform remote signings of documents which would traditionally require in office visits, collaborative teleconference meetings, easy file and document sharing and many other services previously unavailable. The

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software we are using is called Microsoft Teams and the app is available for free download on your computer or smartphone.

Additionally, we have established procedures for individuals with varied levels of access to and familiarity with technology. If you are in need of urgent legal services and have limited access and familiarity with technology, do not hesitate to call 610-849-1780 or email PGerencher@santanastolaw.com with a description of your matter and statement of your technical capability or technical assistance you may need.

We are taking this pandemic seriously and doing everything in our power to ensure the safety of our community, and the continuation of valuable legal and estate planning services.

Very Truly Yours,

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