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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Fifth Judicial District Supreme Court Justices;  
  
All Fifth Judicial District Chief/Deputy Chief Clerks of Supreme and County Court  
  
All Fifth Judicial District Supreme Law Clerks

**From:** Hon. James P. Murphy, J.S.C.

**cc:** Don Doerr, Esq.; Joelle Dougherty

**Date:** April 25, 2023

**Re:** COVID Foreclosure Protocols

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As you know, the Hon. Gregory Gilbert, the Fifth Judicial District Coordinating Judge for Foreclosures, recently reached out to all of you to determine your position on whether the COVID-related foreclosure protocols should remain in place. After consulting with Judge Gilbert, it appears that the COVID-related foreclosure protocols, which were last updated and amended on May 31, 2022, are no longer necessary.

Please discontinue use of all COVID-related foreclosure protocols as of Wednesday, April 26, 2023 and return to pre-pandemic practice. As of April 26, 2023, the Supreme and County Court Clerk's Office will no longer be scheduling foreclosure sales. If you have any questions going forward, you can reach out to Judge Gilbert or Lauren Seiter, Esq.

Sincerely,

Hon. James P. Murphy, J.S.C.  
Administrative Judge

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