

**IN THE COURTS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-13**

**RE: TEMPORARY EXTENSION FOR FILING OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTINGS**

**WHEREAS**, section 744.367(2), Florida Statutes, requires each guardian to file with the court an annual accounting on or before April 1 of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of Florida has declared a State of Emergency for the entire state of Florida in Executive Order 20-52, and has further issued Executive Order Number 20-91, a “stay at home” order requiring that all persons in Florida shall limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their homes to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order Number 20-91 remains in effect until April 30, 2020, and may be further extended, if required by the circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the requirements of public safety and social distancing may cause unavoidable delay in filing a significant number of annual accountings; it is

**HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. An extension for the filing of the annual accounting is granted until July 15, 2020, in all cases in which the annual accounting is now due.
2. At the conclusion of the extension period, all due dates and requirements pursuant to Chapter 744, Florida Statutes, shall be in effect.
3. Each Clerk of Court within the First Judicial Circuit is directed to post notice of the extension on the Clerk’s website.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers, Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida, this 3rd day of April, 2020.

  
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**JOHN L. MILLER**  
CHIEF JUDGE

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