## Press Release:

Restricting Public Access to the Barbour County Circuit Clerk's Office

In an effort to limit person to person contact as recommended by the current COVID-19 protocols, the Barbour County Circuit Clerk's Office will restrict public access while making all possible efforts to ensure the Court remains accessible. Effective Monday March 23, 2020, the Barbour County Circuit Clerk's office will restrict in-person access to appointments only. Court filings should be made by mail, fax, or email. Documents that cannot be filed by mail, fax, or email may be dropped off at the security entrance to the Courthouse. Payment of filing fees must be made by check or money order.

Litigants who do not have a lawyer should call the Circuit Clerk's office to ensure that all required documents are included and obtain the exact fee amount required. Litigants who need forms must call the Circuit Clerk's office first. Forms will be mailed or picked up at the Courthouse security entrance. Litigants who wish to visit the Circuit Clerk's office must call ahead to ensure that a personal visit is necessary.

This policy will continue through April 10, 2020 or for such time as the Barbour County Circuit Court may order. The Barbour County Circuit Clerk's Office is available by phone (304)-457-3454. Documents may be filed at any time by fax (304) 457-2790 and by email to Gerald.Fogg@courtswv.gov.

Submitted for immediate media release by Gerald Fogg, Clerk of Barbour County Circuit and Family Courts. March 23, 2020