

Court Directives Regarding Puerto Rico Lockdown

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As many of you may know, yesterday Governor Wanda Vázquez issued **Executive Order 2020-023** to make feasible the necessary closings of Government offices and the private sector, so as to counter the effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and control the risk of transmission in the Island.

As a result, both the Commonwealth and the federal courts have issued directives which we are summarizing below:

Matters before the Commonwealth's courts:

- in general, all hearings that had been scheduled between March 16 and March 30 are continued
- all terms that would have expired between March 16 and April 14, will now expire on April 15
- For more details, please refer to the **Supreme Court Resolution EM-2020-03**

Matters before the U.S. District Court for the District of Puerto Rico:

- all civil trials, hearings and conferences which were scheduled between March 16 and March 30 are continued, pending further order from the Court
- electronic filings will continue through CM/ECF

Changes to these directives can be expected, and we will be closely monitoring the respective courts' websites for further amendments or revisions. As soon as changes to these directives arise we will inform you. In addition, up-to date information on the Commonwealth's courts can be found at www.ramajudicial.pr. The US District Court for the District of Puerto Rico's information can be found at www.prd.uscourts.gov.

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