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**TENNESSEE BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION**  
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In Re: Cancellation of In-Person Oral Arguments and  
Scheduling of Telephonic Oral Arguments on March 24, 2020

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**ORDER**

On March 13, 2020, the Tennessee Supreme Court issued an Order Suspending In-Person Court Proceedings, with certain limited exceptions, from the close of business on March 13 through March 31, 2020, for all Tennessee trial and appellate courts. The Order, by its terms, does not apply to “administrative courts within the Executive Branch and federal courts and federal court clerks’ offices located in Tennessee.” Nevertheless, the Tennessee Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board considers it prudent and necessary to suspend in-person court proceedings for the same period of time consistent with the order of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The Appeals Board is currently scheduled to hold in-person oral arguments on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at the Tennessee Supreme Court building in Knoxville, Tennessee. Accordingly, oral arguments originally scheduled to be conducted in-person at the Tennessee Supreme Court building in Knoxville, Tennessee, on March 24, 2020, shall instead be conducted telephonically. The clerk of the Appeals Board shall contact all attorneys scheduled to participate in oral arguments to arrange for the arguments to be conducted telephonically on March 24, 2020, at a time to be designated.

This order shall not extend or otherwise modify any deadlines set forth in court rules, statutes, regulations of the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, Practices and Procedures of the Appeals Board, or otherwise that are set to expire between March 13 and March 31, 2020.

It is so ORDERED.

PER CURIAM