



**Amendment to
Administrative Directive No. 27**

**Supreme Court
July Term, 2009**

ONE-HALF DAY CLOSING OF COURTS AND COURT FURLOUGHS

As a result of the a 2.6% reduction (\$825,000) continued reduction to the base budget in the Judiciary's FY2008 budget from FY2009 to FY2010, the Supreme Court ~~has had to~~ must continue to take extraordinary steps to operate the courts with the limited available resources. The Court is continuing the ½ day court closing policy and is declaring 12 furlough days. The Court has attempted to avoid budget reductions that might compromise the quality of judicial decisions and services.

To address the problem of staff shortages in the local courts and to achieve savings in court security, the Supreme Court finds it necessary to close the Supreme Court, all district and family courts and some of the superior and probate courts one-half day per week. For purposes of V.R.A.P. 45(a), V.R.C.P. 77(c), V.R.Cr.P. 56(c) and V.R.P.P. 77(c), business hours of the courts are the hours contained in the attached schedule.

The one-half day closing of the courts could impact the ability of litigants to file papers with the courts. For purposes of V.R.C.P. 6(a), V.R.Cr.P. 45(a) and V.R.P.P. 6(a), computation of time, the one-half day closing shall be considered a condition that has "made the office of the clerk inaccessible," thus extending the period for filing until the end of the next day.

In addition to the ½ day closings, the Supreme Court finds it necessary pursuant to 4 V.S.A. §25(a) to declare 12 furlough days upon which the courts of the state will be closed. The employees of the Judiciary will not be compensated for the days the furloughs are in effect. The schedule of furlough days is attached. During the week a furlough day is scheduled, the courts will be open for the scheduled ½ day closing.

This amended directive shall be effective from ~~October 6, 2008 to June 30, 2009~~, July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Done in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont this 1st day of July, 2009.

Handwritten signature of Paul L. Reiber in blue ink.

Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

Handwritten signature of John A. Dooley in blue ink.

John A. Dooley, Associate Justice

Handwritten signature of Denise R. Johnson in blue ink.

Denise R. Johnson, Associate Justice


Marilyn S. Skoglund, Associate Justice


Brian L. Burgess, Associate Justice

Court Closing Schedule FY 2010 Beginning Monday, July 6, 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All Courts Open Monday Morning	8:00AM to 12:30 PM Courts CLOSED Caledonia District Caledonia Family Caledonia Probate Caledonia Superior Orleans Family Orleans Probate Orleans Superior Rutland District Rutland Family	8:00AM to 12:30 PM Courts CLOSED Lamoille District Lamoille Family Lamoille Probate Lamoille Superior	All Courts Open Thursday Morning	8:00AM to 12:30 PM Courts CLOSED Franklin District Franklin Family Judicial Bureau Orange District Orange Family Orange Probate Orange Superior Supreme Court Washington District Washington Family Windham District Windham Family Windsor District Windsor Family
12:00 PM to 4:30 PM Courts CLOSED Essex Family Essex District Essex Probate Essex Superior	12:00 PM to 4:30 PM Courts CLOSED Bennington District Bennington Family Grand Isle District Grand Isle Family Grand Isle Probate Grand Isle Superior	12:00 PM to 4:30 PM Courts CLOSED Addison District Addison Family Orleans District	12:00 PM to 4:30 PM Courts CLOSED Chittenden District Chittenden Family	All Courts Open Friday Afternoon

- The courthouse will be closed to the public during the half day as noted above, **except during the week of state-wide court closings: July 17th, August 7th, September 2nd, October 2nd, October 30th, December 11th, January 8th, February 5th, March 12th, April 2nd, May 7th and May 26th.**
- Emergencies will be handled on a weekend schedule.
- CALL **1-800-540-9990**—for **Relief from Abuse**. The toll free number will be posted in each courthouse.