



**ONE-HALF DAY CLOSING OF COURTS AND COURT FURLOUGHS**

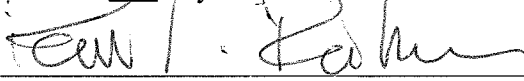
As a result of the continued reduction to the base budget for the Judiciary from FY2010 to FY2011 FY2011 to FY2012, the Supreme Court must continue to take extraordinary steps to operate the courts with the limited available resources. ~~The Court is continuing the ½ day court closing policy through the end of July, 2010. Beginning August 1, 2010, half day court closings will cease. The Court is declaring 12 furlough days for FY2011. In addition to the ½ day closings, the~~ 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. Furlough days declared under this section shall have the same effect as holidays under 1 V.S.A. § 371 for the purpose of counting time under the rules of court procedure and the Vermont Statutes Annotated. 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.~~ The Court has attempted to avoid other 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 all courts in the Vermont Judiciary one-half day per week through July 31, 2010. For purposes of V.R.A.P. 45(a), V.R.C.P. 77(e), V.R.Cr.P. 56(e) and V.R.P.P. 77(e), 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.

This amended directive shall be effective from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 June 15, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

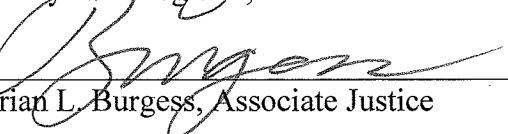
Done in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011.

  
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Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

  
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John A. Dooley, Associate Justice

  
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Denise R. Johnson, Associate Justice

  
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Marilyn S. Skoglund, Associate Justice

  
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Brian L. Burgess, Associate Justice

## **FURLOUGH DAYS FY 2012**

June 24, 2011 (Friday) Furlough Day

July 29, 2011 (Friday) Furlough Day

August 26, 2011 (Friday) Furlough Day

September 23, 2011 (Friday) Furlough Day

October 21, 2011 (Friday) Furlough Day

December 16, 2011 (Friday) Furlough Day

January 27, 2012 (Friday) – Furlough Day

February 24, 2012 (Friday) – Furlough Day

March 16, 2012 (Friday) – Furlough Day

April 20, 2012 (Friday) – Furlough Day

May 18, 2012 (Friday) – Furlough Day

June 15, 2012 (Friday) – Furlough Day