

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**GENERAL ORDER 20-19
MAY 7, 2020**

IN RE: CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC EMERGENCY

FURTHER ORDER CONCERNING MEDIATIONS

SAYLOR, C.J.

This Order modifies General Order 20-5, issued March 16, 2020, and General Order 20-15, issued March 31, 2020.

Effective immediately, Magistrate Judges and Senior Judges in the District of Massachusetts may schedule and conduct mediations in civil proceedings in accordance with the normal practices of the Court. However, in order to protect public health, reduce the size of public gatherings, and reduce unnecessary travel, all such mediations shall occur only by video or telephone conference, pending further order of the Court.

So Ordered.

Dated: May 7, 2020

/s/ F. Dennis Saylor IV
F. Dennis Saylor IV
Chief Judge, United States District Court