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FRANKLIN CIRCUIT COURT  
KEM MARSHALL, CLERK

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
48<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MISCELLANEOUS ORDER 25- 118

**ORDER REOPENING THE FRANKLIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE BY CHIEF  
CIRCUIT JUDGE THOMAS D. WINGATE**

Beginning April 2, 2025, a severe weather system generating intense damaging winds, severe hail and tornados, and excessive rainfall hit Franklin County, Kentucky, and resulted in dangerous conditions including flooding, flash flooding, potential for mudslides and landslides, damage to property, and loss of life. These conditions generated the second worst flood in Franklin County history. On April 6, 2025, the Franklin County Judicial Center flooded. Due to the catastrophic damage caused by these storms, it was determined that use of the Franklin County Judicial Center was impractical and impossible.

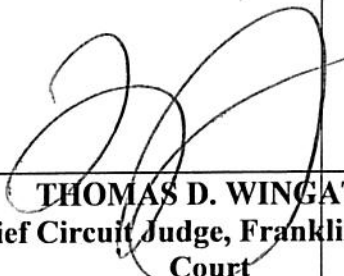
The Franklin County Judicial Center has undergone the necessary repairs and renovations to safely resume court operations. Accordingly, effective September 2, 2025, the Franklin County Judicial Center shall reopen for court business. All district, circuit, and family court proceedings shall resume in-person at the Franklin County Judicial Center.

Also beginning September 2, 2025, the Franklin County Circuit Court Clerk shall resume operations at the Franklin County Judicial Center for in-person services including the filing of pleadings, motions, and other case-related materials that are not required to be electronically filed.

The Temporary Local Protocol adopted by this Court per Supreme Court Administrative Order 2025-18 and shall become ineffective on September 2, 2025.

I KEM MARSHALL, CLERK OF THE FRANKLIN  
CIRCUIT/DISTRICT COURT, DO HEREBY CERTIFY  
THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE  
ORIGINAL ENTERED OF RECORD IN MY OFFICE  
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF WITNESS MY HAND  
THIS 21 DAY OF August 2025  
KEM MARSHALL, CLERK  
BY: AB D.C.

SO ORDERED, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2025.



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**THOMAS D. WINGATE**  
Chief Circuit Judge, Franklin Circuit  
Court