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1. What constitutes an emergency or how will the Supreme Court determine whether an emergency jury trial should be permitted?

In our practice we can see this issue arising with mental commitment proceedings and do not wish to invite further exposure of potential Covid 19 in our courthouse, or to our staff and do not view many of the requests to be "emergent". Are there factors that attorneys can weigh to determine if an emergency motion for jury should be filed?

2. How does the Supreme Court suggest handling cases in the meantime when a jury trial is requested? For example, in a mental commitment case should the circuit court make interim orders until a jury trial can take place? That would avoid any potential appeal issues (if the circuit court makes temporary orders) that could perhaps be converted to final orders if a jury demand is withdrawn or the circuit court orders are not objected to?

We appreciate the Court's current orders keeping our attorneys and court staff safe, as we do not wish to further exposure or to jeopardize the health of those around us.

Thank you for your consideration,

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