

Circuit Court of St. Louis County

DIVISION 16 105 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE CLAYTON, MISSOURI 63105

MICHAEL D. BURTON PRESIDING JUDGE (314) 615-1516

> February 26, 2021 Re: New Satellite Court

Hello!

I just wanted to let you know about the opening of our new satellite court at the St. Louis County Government Center at the Crossings in the old Northwest Plaza in St. Ann.

We know how challenging it can be for so many County residents to get to the Courthouse in Clayton. Remote proceedings have addressed this problem quite well: we are reaching many people whom we have not reached before the onset of the pandemic.

We know very well, however, that many people do not have access to laptops and I-phones. This is very concerning at time when we are still not having in-person proceedings. While we hope that we will be getting to Phase Three in the near future, we want to do whatever we can to ensure that all litigants have the ability to access our courts. Access to justice is a huge priority for this Circuit.

The satellite court is clearly a silver lining of this pandemic. People can now come to the facility in St. Ann to be set up remotely and connect with hearings in Clayton. We envision of course that these virtual proceedings will continue long past the pandemic.

Starting on Monday, people can obtain orders of protection at the satellite court. (Last year, we began a process that enables individuals to seek *ex parte* orders on-line. They can then attend their hearings remotely, without ever having to be in the same building as the alleged offenders.)

Please see the attached flyer for details. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me anytime.

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Michael &. Buton

St. Louis County Satellite Court Now Open in St. Ann Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. FREE PARKING IN ST. ANN

For the convenience of County residents, a satellite branch of the St. Louis County Circuit Court is now open at the St. Louis County Government Center at the Crossings at Northwest Plaza in St. Ann.

Attending Court Hearings Remotely Using E-Courts

If you are scheduled to appear in St. Louis County Circuit Court, you can access the courtrooms remotely using the public computer stations (e-Courts) in St. Ann and the main courthouse in Clayton. These are available for use when courtroom access is restricted due to the pandemic.

Please note: Hearings for juvenile and paternity cases are confidential, and can only be accessed from the Clayton e-Court at this time.

Be sure to bring your paperwork with you. In order to set you up quickly, you will need your case number, as well as the date, time and number of the division where you are scheduled to appear.

Filing Pleadings/New Petitions

If you are representing yourself, you may file your paperwork at the St. Ann satellite court, in addition to the Clayton courthouse, using the secure drop box located inside the Court reception area.

Filing Orders of Protection

Beginning March 1, 2021, you may file for an Order of Protection at the Adult Abuse Office in the St. Ann satellite court, in addition to the Clayton courthouse. Clerks will be available on-site to provide and file the necessary paperwork. Advocates will be available to assist you with resources and safety planning.

For more information call: 314-615-8029



