



**Amendment to
Administrative Directive No. 27**

**Supreme Court
June Term, 2010**

ONE-HALF DAY CLOSING OF COURTS AND COURT FURLOUGHS

As a result of the continued reduction to the base budget ~~in~~ for the Judiciary ~~budget~~ from ~~FY2009 to FY2010~~ FY2010 to FY2011, 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 FY 2011. The Court has attempted to avoid budget reductions that might compromise the quality of judicial decisions and services.

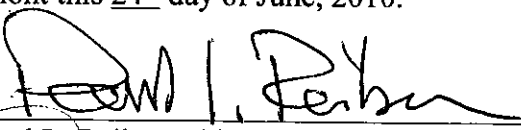
To address the problem of staff shortages in the local courts and to achieve savings in court security, the Supreme Court finds it necessary to close all courts in the Vermont Judiciary ~~the Supreme Court, all district and family courts and some of the superior and probate courts~~ one-half day per week through July 31, 2010. For purposes of V.R.A.P. 45(a), V.R.C.P. 77(c), V.R.Cr.P. 56(c) and V.R.P.P. 77(c), 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.

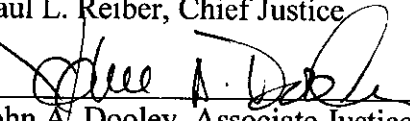
In addition to the ½ day closings, the Supreme Court finds it necessary pursuant to 4 V.S.A. §25(a) to declare 12 furlough days upon which the courts of the state will be closed. The employees of the Judiciary will not be compensated for the days the furloughs are in effect. The schedule of furlough days is attached. During the week a furlough day is scheduled, the courts will be open for the scheduled ½ day closing.

This amended directive shall be effective from ~~July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010~~ July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

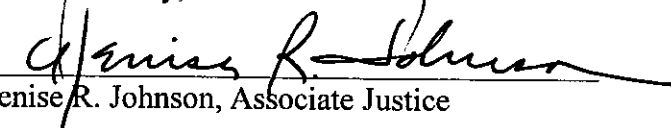
Done in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont this 24th day of June, 2010.



Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice



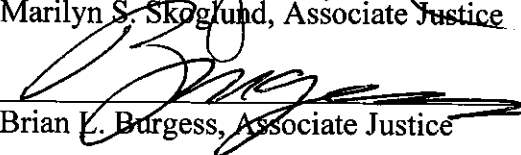
John A. Dooley, Associate Justice



Denise R. Johnson, Associate Justice



Marilyn S. Skoglund, Associate Justice



Brian L. Burgess, Associate Justice

FURLOUGH DAYS FY 2011

June 25, 2010 (Friday) Furlough Day

July 23, 2010 (Friday) Furlough Day

August 27, 2010 (Friday) Furlough Day

September 24, 2010 (Friday) Furlough Day

October 22, 2010 (Friday) Furlough Day

December 17, 2010 (Friday) Furlough Day

January 7, 2011 (Friday) – Furlough Day

February 11, 2011 (Friday) – Furlough Day

March 11, 2011 (Friday) – Furlough Day

April 8, 2011 (Friday) – Furlough Day

May 6, 2011 (Friday) – Furlough Day

June 3, 2011 (Friday) – Furlough Day