

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUPREME COURT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2010-03

**COURT CLOSINGS AND INVOLUNTARY UNPAID
FURLOUGH DAYS (2)**

Background

Laws of 2009, Chapter 4:2 requires the judicial branch to reduce expenditures by \$3,100,000 during the current biennium. On March 22, 2010, this Court issued Supreme Court Administrative Order 2010-01 which directed that all courts be closed and that all court employees be placed on involuntary unpaid furlough on three days during FY 2010. In that Order, this Court also identified 11 additional furlough days during FY 2011 on which courts might be closed, if necessary, to accomplish the \$3.1 million expenditure reduction.

Additional Court Closings on Involuntary Unpaid Furlough Days

Judicial Branch administrators are monitoring expenditures, and especially monitoring savings related to the furlough days ordered in Supreme Court Administrative Order 2010-01. The Court concludes it is necessary to close courts on the following three furlough days:

Friday July 2, 2010;

Friday August 6, 2010; and

Friday September 3, 2010.

If it is necessary to close courts on additional involuntary unpaid furlough days in order to reduce judicial branch expenditures, the Court will issue other furlough orders at least four weeks in advance of the next furlough day.

The additional furlough days announced in this Order are intended to be consistent with Supreme Court Administrative Order 2010-01 and also with the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the New Hampshire Judicial Branch and the State Employees' Association.

April 15, 2010

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