



# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

DONALD W. BEATTY  
CHIEF JUSTICE

POST OFFICE BOX 3543  
SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA 29304-3543  
TELEPHONE: (864) 596-3450  
FAX: (864) 596-2202  
E-MAIL: [dbeatty@sccourts.org](mailto:dbeatty@sccourts.org)

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Supreme Court  
Court of Appeals  
Clerks of Court  
Circuit Court  
Masters-In-Equity  
Family Court  
Probate Court  
Registers of Deeds  
SCJD Staff

FROM: Chief Justice Beatty

RE: Hurricane Florence Court Proceedings Cancellations

DATE: September 11, 2018

Pursuant to an [Order](#) I issued on September 10, 2018, court proceedings in the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, and Family Court were cancelled beginning today, September 11, 2018, in the 26 counties where South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster had closed state government offices pursuant to an [executive order](#). These cancellations shall continue until the Governor directs a reopening of state government offices in the affected counties.

This afternoon, the Governor ordered state government offices in the following counties **open tomorrow**, Wednesday, September 12, 2018: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Beaufort, Barnwell, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper. Accordingly, court proceedings should resume as scheduled in those counties tomorrow. If, however, the county offices are closed in any of these counties, proceedings shall not resume until the county offices open in that county. Please refer to the State Emergency Management Division website, <https://www.scemd.org/closings/>, for the status of county offices.

Because the storm's path is uncertain, please refer often to the Governor's website for state office closing updates: <https://governor.sc.gov/Newsroom/Pages/Default.aspx>.

Judges assigned to counties operating as normal should be flexible in granting continuances to attorneys and parties who experience personal issues, including evacuation, caused by the weather conditions that prevent their appearance in court.