

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

WHEREAS the St. Louis County Domestic Violence Court has been the recipient of a United State Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women grant, designating it as a Mentor Court for other courts throughout the country; and

WHEREAS Judge Jason Dodson has been designated the head of the St. Louis County Domestic Violence Court and his duties now include overseeing the Domestic Violence Court, assisting with grant compliance and administration and working for enhancement and innovation within the Court and the Order of Protection Office; and

WHEREAS Judge Dodson presides over recurring Indirect Criminal Contempt and Civil Contempt dockets in the St. Louis County Domestic Violence Court; and

WHEREAS Judge Dodson also heads the St. Louis County Criminal Domestic Violence Court and as a result, all pending domestic violence felony cases are assigned to him after they are bound over following preliminary hearing or indictment by the Grand Jury; and


WHEREAS the Criminal Domestic Violence Court also utilizes intensive judicial monitoring of defendants on probation who report to Judge Dodson for a period of at least one year while on probation, and such dockets occur no less than twice per month; and

WHEREAS the Criminal Domestic Violence Court and the St. Louis County Domestic Violence Court regularly engage in efforts to develop and implement enhancements to their monitoring and judicial oversight of defendants and respondents in Order of Protection cases, respectively, under the guidance of Judge Dodson; and

WHEREAS such assignments are in addition to Judge Dodson's civil cases and weekly probation revocation dockets,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Judge Dodson, Division 10, no longer receive new circuit court civil case assignments, until further order of this Court.

**SO ORDERED:**



DATE: January 08, 2021

Presiding Judge

Div. 16