



# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

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## MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Chief Justice Beatty

RE: Hurricane Florence Court Proceedings Update

DATE: September 16, 2018

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster lifted evacuation orders for all counties. Circuit Court and Family Court proceedings in all counties shall resume on Monday, September 17, **if county government offices are operating at normal status**. However, if courthouses are unable to open because of weather impacts, court proceedings should resume at the earliest possible time. Please refer to the State Emergency Management Division website, <https://www.scemd.org/closings/>, or to individual county websites, for the status of county government offices.

Judges should be flexible in granting continuances to attorneys and parties who have experienced personal issues, including evacuation, caused by the weather conditions that prevent their appearance in court.

SCJD employees who have experienced weather- or evacuation-related issues that could prevent their return to work as scheduled should communicate directly with their immediate supervisors.