



We wanted to take a moment to connect with you as we are all faced with much uncertainty.

The **North Carolina Judicial Branch** announced that our courts, with limited exception, will postpone cases for the next *30 days*. Similarly, the **South Carolina Judicial Branch** has announced postponements for at least two weeks in non-emergency matters - individual jurisdictions have been charged with making decisions as they deem appropriate, and more uniform announcements are expected. This means that in both States, matters that are set for hearing during this time will likely be removed and rescheduled by court administration, or by the individual parties and attorneys.

It is our understanding that, at least for now, Courts in both States will continue to be staffed for accepting and filing documents to facilitate meeting deadlines and initiating actions. The situation is fluid and could change quickly. We will continue monitoring the situation and will keep all of our clients updated as we know more. This **does not** impact all of our clients as not everyone has litigation pending in their cases. For those that may have matters set during the anticipated delay period, we will be working *diligently* to answer questions and determine best next steps and alternatives.

Over the coming weeks as the situation unfolds, we want to assure clients in both States that **we will continue to be available to you**. All of our attorneys and staff have access to e-mail and phone communications. We also have the ability for video conferences as may be needed. Although we will limit in person meetings, we will schedule them on an as needed basis as determined appropriate by your attorney and the firm.

Our *advocacy* will not waver despite these unprecedented times. We pride ourselves on being a unified team at Sodoma Law. **Please contact us with any questions** and know that we are ready to collectively meet the needs of our clients.