

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court under Section 8-15-2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island 1956 (1985 Reenactment), it is hereby ordered as follows:

On March 20, 2009, a judicial proceeding with all judicial officers of the Supreme Court, the Superior Court, the District Court, the Family Court, the Workers' Compensation Court and the Traffic Tribunal shall be convened in Bristol, Rhode Island, at Roger Williams School of Law in accordance with Article VIII of the Supreme Court Rules. The Winter Judicial Conference agenda includes topics relative to the improvement in practice and procedure in the courts in order that the ends of justice will be served more promptly and efficiently.

Therefore, the Rhode Island state courts shall remain open but their regular calendars shall be suspended for Friday, March 20, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., in order that our judges and judicial staff may participate in the Winter Judicial Conference.

Each court may designate a duty judge to be available for emergency matters and such other proceedings as may be necessary.

Entered as an Executive Order this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008.

ENTER:

BY ORDER,

/s/  
Frank J. Williams  
Chief Justice

/s/  
Clerk