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> GEORGE J. SILVER Deputy Chief Administrative Judge New York City Courts

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #371

By the authority vested in me as Deputy Chief Administrative Judge of the courts within New York City, and as the coordinating judge of all cases filed under the Child Victims Act¹ (the "CVA") within that jurisdiction, I hereby order as follows:

- This Order applies to all cases filed or hereafter filed in the Supreme Courts in and for the counties of Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond pursuant to the CVA, including any such matters filed before the one-year window commenced on August 14, 2019, and which were then stayed pending the opening of the window on August 14, 2019.
- 2. While a steering committee negotiates a Case Management Order to address the efficient prosecution and defense of cases filed under the CVA, all Preliminary Conferences currently scheduled or requested as of the effective date of this Order, and any requests for Preliminary Conferences made after the effective date of this Order are adjourned to a control date of January 31, 2020.²
- 3. The time to respond to any discovery demands served by the parties as of the effective date of this Order is adjourned without a date. No demands for discovery shall be served by any party until further Order of this Court.
- 4. Plaintiffs' time to respond to stipulations and orders that consent to or direct the production of identifying information, consisting of a plaintiff's name (including maiden name, if any), date of birth, social security number, parents and/or guardian's names, current address, and address at the time of the alleged abuse, for plaintiffs proceeding under pseudonyms is extended to December 20, 2019. Plaintiffs shall provide such identifying information to defense counsel in a manner other than disclosure in a public filing on NYSCEF and as

¹ L. 2019 c.11.

² Parties may make an application to extend this, and other deadlines, as necessary.

agreed to by the parties. Nothing in this Order prevents plaintiffs from voluntarily providing such identifying information at any time.

- 5. All papers in opposition to any Order to Show Cause or Notice of Motion, including motions to dismiss under CPLR §3211 or §3212, but excluding motions to proceed anonymously or by pseudonym, are adjourned until Tuesday, January 31, 2020. Should the motion(s) not be resolved and withdrawn by the parties as of that date, the Court will set any additional due dates as necessary. No motions, other than motions to proceed anonymously or by pseudonym, shall be filed prior to January 31, 2020 without permission of the Court. As such, no motions to dismiss under CPLR §3211 or §3212 shall be filed prior to January 31, 2020.
- 6. The time to answer, move against, or otherwise respond to any complaint that has been served as of the effective date of this Order is extended until further Order of the Court. This Order supersedes any due dates for answers or motions previously stipulated to by the parties and/or ordered by this Court.
- 7. The time to answer, move against, or otherwise respond to any complaint that is served after the effective date of this Order, but prior to January 31, 2020, shall be extended until a date stipulated to by the parties or as directed by further Order of the Court.
- 8. Notwithstanding any stipulation or Court Order to the contrary, no motion to sever shall be filed prior to January 31, 2020. Consistent with the CPLR, motions to sever may be filed after January 31, 2020.
- 9. Counsel shall make a good faith effort to resolve any motions to dismiss or motions to sever prior to filing such motions.

Dated: December 11, 2019

Hon. feorfe J. Silver Deputy Chief Administrative Judge New York City Courts