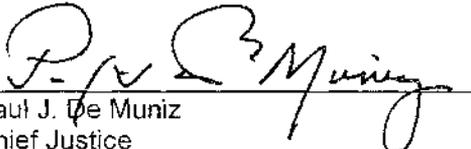


In the Matter of Certain Closures of)	CHIEF JUSTICE ORDER
All Courts and Offices of the Oregon)	No. 09-023
Judicial Department to Address)	
Shortfalls in Funding)	ORDER DIRECTING CERTAIN CLOSURES
)	OF ALL COURTS AND OFFICES OF THE
)	OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT TO
)	ADDRESS SHORTFALLS IN FUNDING

In order to address shortfalls in funding for the Oregon Judicial Department and for the purpose of activating the extension of time limitations available under ORCP 10 A and ORS 174.120, I ORDER the following pursuant to my authority under ORS 1.002 and 1.060(3):

1. All courts and offices (appellate courts, Tax Court, circuit courts, and Office of the State Court Administrator) of the Oregon Judicial Department are closed for public business on Fridays beginning March 13, 2009, and until this order is rescinded or superseded by a subsequent Chief Justice Order.
2. All SLR 1.151 and Presiding Judge Orders that implement Friday hours of operation in conflict with this order are superseded for the duration of this order. The portions of those rules and orders that do not conflict with this order remain in effect.
3. This order does not limit the regular work hours, work days, or judicial activities of state court judges in state court positions. This order does limit the type of work they do on the Fridays of official court closures to work that
 - does not require public court proceedings,
 - does not require the making of a record to which the public is entitled to be present, and
 - does not require the presence of operational court staff to perform.
4. Each presiding judge or administrative authority must provide appropriate notice of this closure to the constituency of that court or office.
5. This order takes effect immediately.

DATED this 10th day of March, 2009.


 Paul J. De Muniz
 Chief Justice