

**FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA COUNTY
TRIAL DIVISION**

**Administrative Order
52 of 2020**

In re: Stay of Litigation Involving SEPTA

ORDER

AND NOW, this 2nd day of September, 2020 the Court having been made aware of the stay issued on August 31, 2020 in the case captioned: Christian v. King, Case ID 200500349, due to the inability of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (“SEPTA”), to access its litigation data due to a malware attack, and it appearing that SEPTA is unable to contact witnesses, timely respond to pleadings, conduct discovery, or otherwise proceed with litigation pending in the Court of Common Pleas – Trial Division in which SEPTA is a party because of the malware attack, **it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED** that in order to safeguard the rights of the parties in all litigation pending in the Court of Common Pleas – Trial Division, all cases in which SEPTA is a named party are stayed and shall be placed in deferred status as provided below.

It is further **ORDERED and DECREED** that as to any new cases filed against SEPTA while this Stay is in effect, the entry of appearance by the attorney on behalf of SEPTA must be accompanied by a Praecipe to Stay the Action, together with a copy of this Order.

It is further **ORDERED and DECREED** that the Stay shall remain in effect until November 30, 2020 unless counsel for SEPTA notifies the Court before November 30, 2020 that its electronic data and Electronic System are restored. Further provided, however, that the Stay may be extended upon good cause shown.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Jacqueline F. Allen

HONORABLE JACQUELINE F. ALLEN
Administrative Judge, Trial Division

/s/ Lisette Shirdan-Harris

HONORABLE LISETTE SHIRDAN-HARRIS
Supervising Judge, Trial Division - Civil Section