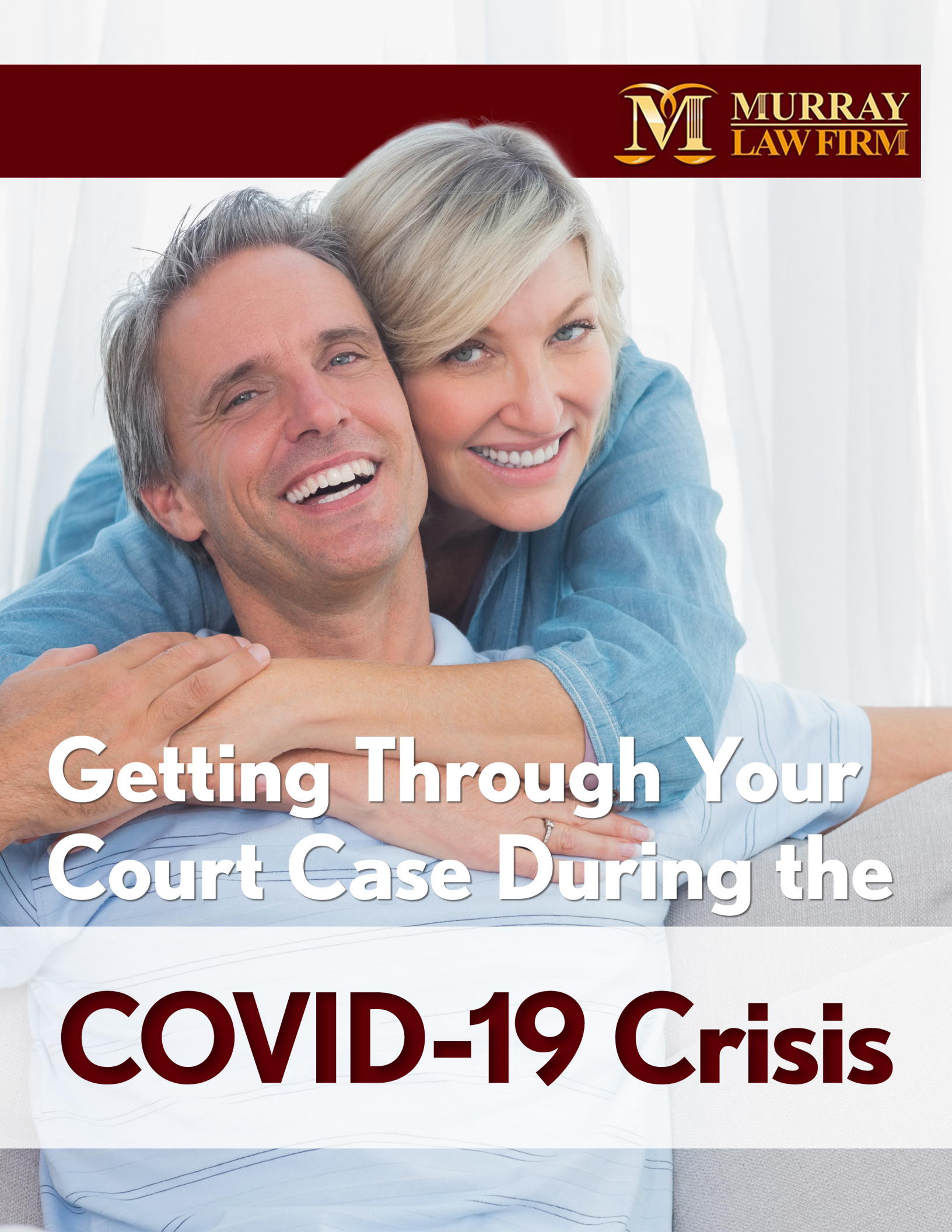


A photograph of a middle-aged couple with grey and blonde hair, smiling warmly at the camera. The woman is leaning her head on the man's shoulder, and her arms are wrapped around his neck. They are both wearing light blue button-down shirts. The background is a soft-focus view of white curtains.

**Getting Through Your
Court Case During the**

COVID-19 Crisis

Odds are your court cases are being postponed or cancelled right now. Here are eight things you need to know if you have a pending court case in North Central Oklahoma (Payne, Pawnee, Noble, Logan and Lincoln Counties):

- 1. All civil, domestic, and criminal dockets have been continued to May 2020. (Contact your attorney for the new date or check on OSCN.net)**
- 2. Domestic trials and temporary order hearings have all been reset until May 2020. (Contact your attorney for more information)**
- 3. All criminal and civil jury trials have been stricken for March and April 2020.**
- 4. Criminal initial arraignments for inmates in custody will be conducted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays at 1:30pm.**
- 5. Probate matters set for hearing where notices have been published will continue to have hearings but clients should not appear. (Contact your attorney for more information)**
- 6. Non-emergency guardianship hearings have been reset until May 2020.**
- 7. Divorces and other lawsuits can still be filed in these counties with hearings set in May 2020.**
- 8. Work on your case will continue to progress even if we cannot go to court right now. Responding to interrogatories, request for production, motions to compel, dispositions and trial preparations will occur.**

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Resources for Your Legal Issues

Family Law Matters

Here are five (5) suggestions for dealing with domestic issues when you cannot have a hearing due to COVID-19 virus:

1. You have to put the safety of your children ahead of yourself, even if you have to agree to something with the other parent you do not want to for a couple of months.
2. Your conduct in this time of national emergency will go a long way toward showing a judge what kind of parent you are and who will act in the best interest of the children.
3. Try to put personal feelings of animosity aside, when making decisions for the children.
4. If you truly believe your children are in danger, contact your attorney for guidance and to determine the possible course of actions in these times.
5. Remember, the situation our country is in currently is not the fault of your spouse or the legal system. We have to try to make the best of difficult circumstances.

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Auto Crash Victims

Here are five (5) things to do if you are injured in a wreck and dealing with the COVID-19 virus during this National Emergency:

- 1. Seek medical attention immediately, but be safe. If your injuries are serious and require immediate medical attention, go to the local Emergency Room. Currently, hospitals might not be the best place for you to seek medical attention, due to the COVID-19 virus. Contact your attorney's office to direct you to appropriate health care providers that are not located in the hospital.**
- 2. Contact an attorney immediately. It is undetermined how insurance companies will operate in these trying times. You must continue to protect your legal rights.**
- 3. Remember to be mindful of your surroundings. Wash your hands frequently, and wear gloves and even masks when you attend doctor appointments.**
- 4. Do not give a statement to the insurance company. It will not benefit you and will more often than not come back to hurt your claim. Sometimes it takes several weeks for all of your injuries to be noticed.**
- 5. Remember this current situation will not last forever. Do not make a mindless or desperate decision about your case. The insurance company will try to influence you to settle prematurely.**

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Personal Injury Cases

Here are five (5) issues to remember if you have a pending personal injury lawsuit in Oklahoma during the COVID-19 crisis:

- 1. All dockets and hearings in North Central Oklahoma (Payne, Logan, Lincoln, Noble and Pawnee counties) have been continued until May 2020.**
- 2. Work on your case will continue. Obtaining medical records, interviewing witnesses, answering interrogatories and request for production, and negotiations with the insurance adjusters will all continue.**
- 3. Healthcare providers will continue to treat their patients, as long as it is feasible.**
- 4. Our law firm continues to hold down the fort and take your phone calls. We are capable of remote video conferencing with FaceTime, Messenger and ZOOM. Contact our office for instructions.**
- 5. Everyone needs to be patient and not give up on holding rule breakers accountable for violating safety rules.**

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Conclusion

Listen to what the CDC and other reliable government bodies are saying about COVID-19. This information changes daily. And remember, don't panic— plan.

