



STATE OF ARKANSAS STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (during COVID-19 pandemic)

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EXTENDED STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS DURING THIS TIME OF COVID-19

Arkansas has not extended any statutes of limitations during the time of COVID-19.

TEMPORARY RULES EXTENDING TIME LIMITS TO SERVE COMPLAINTS AND/OR SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO METHODS OF SERVICE

On April 28, 2020, the Supreme Court of Arkansas announced the indefinite suspension of the time requirements under Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure 4(i) (Time for Service of Complaint), 33(b) (Time to Respond to Interrogatories), 34(b) (Time to Respond to Requests for Production of Documents), 36(a) (Time to Respond to Requests for Admission), and District Court Rule 3 (Time for Service of Complaint). *In re Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic-Amendments to Court Rules*, 2020 Ark. 164 (per curiam). However, on May 8, 2020, the Court rescinded the suspension of time requirements under Ark. R. Civ. P. 33(b), 34(b), and 36(a). The Court directed that all discovery suspended between April 28-May 8 was due by May 22 or the original due date of the discovery whichever was later.

Under both the Arkansas Rules of Civil Procedure and District Court Rules, a defendant must be served within 120 days of filing of the complaint. But, as of November 24, 2020, Arkansas Rule of Civil Procedure 4(i) and District Court Rule 3 are still suspended indefinitely.

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