



**STATE OF  
CONNECTICUT  
STATUTE OF  
LIMITATIONS  
(during COVID-19 pandemic)**

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## **EXTENDED STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS DURING THIS TIME OF COVID-19**

On September 1, 2020, Connecticut's Governor Ned Lamont continued the tolling of statutes of limitations through February 9, 2021. The following provides some background and insight on Connecticut's tolling period.

On March 19, 2020, the Governor's Executive Order No. 7G tolled all statutes of limitations and filing deadlines until the end of the declared State of Emergency, or until otherwise ordered. Specifically, Executive Order No. 7G extended all statutory (1) location or venue requirements; (2) time requirements, statutes of limitation or other limitation or deadlines relating to service of process, court proceedings or court filings; and (3) all time requirements or deadlines related to the Supreme, Appellate and Superior courts or their judicial officials to issue notices, hold court, hear matters and/or render decisions.

On June 10, 2020, Executive Order No. 7YY restored all requirements and filing deadlines for the Connecticut Appellate and Supreme Courts, but not the Superior Court.

On August 21, 2020, Executive Order 7000 modified 7G to state that the suspension of deadlines and requirements shall not apply to defaults and nonsuits in civil or family matters. A July 28, 2020 had previously restored deadlines in child protective matters. The later executive orders stated that the Judicial Branch would issue its own notices regarding resumption of operations and deadlines, but so far has not issued an order restoring all Superior Court deadlines.

On September 1, 2020, the Governor issue Executive Order No. 9L, which extended the State of Emergency, including all executive order issues thereunder, through February 9, 2021. Executive Order No. 9L effectively extends the tolling of statutes of limitations as well as deadlines for all Superior Court filings.

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

Under Conn. Gen. Stat. §52-46, civil process must be served at least twelve days before a complaint is returnable to court. This time limitation remains tolled under 7G as amended by 9L, which expressly tolled all time limitations relating to service of process.

As far as special rules for methods of service, Connecticut has not enacted specific rules regarding changes to methods of service.

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