

# Costa Rica – Extension of the functional closure of the Judicial Branch

April 7, 2020

On April 2, 2020, the Supreme Court of Justice agreed to extend the functional closure of the Judicial Branch until April 20, 2020, due to the current COVID-19 crisis. According to an agreement taken on April 2, 2020, **the closure will run until next Monday, April 20 of this year.**

After Easter break, which is set to take place next week, the judicial employees will continue working from home, although minimum services will be provided within the courts' premises, and the proceedings will continue its normal course.

The hearings and trials in all the judicial processes that are being processed in the judicial offices in Costa Rica were suspended, however, the Supreme Court of Justice agreement obliges the officials of the Judicial Branch to maintain the continuity of the services, so **the deadlines prescription and expiration will continue to run normally starting next Monday, April 13, 2020.**

Dentons Muñoz's Litigation Team will continue providing services without interruption on all pending matters (criminal, commercial and civil proceedings) until the court resumes its regular schedule, and is willing to assist our clients in any other dispute resolution issues despite the Judicial Branch's temporary closure.

## Your Key Contacts



### José Antonio Muñoz

Central America Chairman  
and Managing Partner, San

José

D +506 2503 9800

M +506 8811 6351

[joseantonio.munoz@dentons.com](mailto:joseantonio.munoz@dentons.com)



### Roy de Jesús Herrera

Partner, San José

D +506 2503 9835

M +506 8823 1525

[roy.herrera@dentons.com](mailto:roy.herrera@dentons.com)