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FAMILY DIVISION 36 PROCEDURES

ONLY MOTION CALENDAR IS TO BE SCHEDULED ONLINE.

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Motion Calendar:

Monday through Thursday at 8:45 a.m. and is held in Chambers 742.

This includes uncontested final hearings, defaulted final hearings and Adoption hearings.

Judge Goldenberg permits telephonic hearings.
The notice of hearing must state that you will be attending by telephone. When you send in your notice and motion, send an original order with 3 copies and stamped, self addressed envelopes for all parties.

It is up to the party that is appearing telephonically to initiate the call to the judge's office at (954) 831-7395. If more than one person is appearing telephonically, you must set up a conference call and then call into the judge's office at (954) 831-7395.

A copy of the notice of hearing and the motion along with the receipt you print after you set up your motion calendar on line, needs to be sent to the judge's prior to the hearing date.

Small Matters Calendar: (Monday through Thursday at 9:30 a.m.)

THIS DOCKET IS SET BY THE COURT ONLY

- Exceptions to the recommended report of the General Magistrate and motions to vacate the recommended order of the Hearing Officer
- Return on 15 day domestic violence injunctions
- 15 minute evidentiary motions (SEND IN A COPY OF THE MOTION AND A LETTER REQUESTING TO BE PUT ON THE SMALL MATTERS DOCKET, AFTER THE JUDGE REVIEWS THE MOTION YOU WILL RECEIVE A CALL FROM THE JA)
- Motions to vacate domestic violence injunctions
- Emergencies

Emergency and Special Set Hearings:
(This Division leaves 4:00 p.m. open to set any Emergency Hearings)

Furnish a copy of the motion along with a cover letter only giving how much time you need for the hearing. **If this is an Emergency Motion make sure it complies with Administrative Rule 2008-60-UFC.** After review by the Judge, this office will either send you an order of Referral to the General Magistrate or Hearing Officer (child support issues per 12.491) or the Judicial Assistant will get both sides on the phone to set a date before the Judge. Mediation is required prior to the hearing except for child support issues and a copy of the Impasse must be brought to the hearing.

If there is an objection to the General Magistrate, please send in the written objection, a copy of the Motion or Petition along with a cover letter with how much time is needed for the hearing. After the Judge reviews the Motion or Petition, the JA will call both sides to set a hearing date. **If mediation was ordered in the Referral you will still have to go to Mediation before a hearing can take place.**

Case Management Conferences:

Fridays starting at 9:30 a.m. (Set by the Court). **ALL COUNSEL AND PARTIES SHALL APPEAR.** Parties may appear by phone if they live out of the state or if there are enforceable matters by letting the Judicial Assistant know at least 3 days prior to the Case Management Conference. If you are having your client appear by telephone, do NOT have them call in but have them wait for you (attorney) to call them and tell them it's okay to call in now to (954) 831-7595. If the case settles then the court will hold the uncontested final hearing at that time.

Trials:

Trials are set at the Case Management Conference. A date certain is given for all trials. The Court also provides a mediation order along with the trial order. Trials go from 10:30 a.m. – Noon and 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. On the first day of trial the attorneys shall be here at 10:00 a.m. to go over the exhibits with the Judge's clerk.

Orders:

When submitting proposed orders, please enclose a copy of the motion or Agreement or Petition and the original order along with 3 copies or more (if there is a GAL or Mediator or Parenting Coordinator, etc). Also submit self-addressed stamped envelopes for all parties. If you are submitting a Mediation order make sure you enclose both parties' financial affidavits

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE ENORMOUS VOLUME OF ORDERS RECEIVED AND PROCESSED ON A DAILY BASIS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE IF YOUR ORDER HAS BEEN RECEIVED, SIGNED AND/OR SENT OUT, SO PLEASE DO NOT CALL ABOUT YOUR PAPERWORK FOR AT LEAST **14** WORKING DAYS. YOUR COOPERATION AND PATIENCE IS **GREATLY APPRECIATED.**