

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Administrative Order No. 2026-06-UFC

TEMPORARY RELIEF MATTERS IN THE FAMILY DIVISION

(a) Pursuant to Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution and section 43.26, Florida Statutes, the chief judge of each judicial circuit is charged with the authority and power to do everything necessary to promote the prompt and efficient administration of justice.

(b) Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215(b)(3) states the Chief Judge “ensures the efficient and proper administration of all courts within [this] circuit, considering available resources.”

(c) Parties need to obtain temporary relief expeditiously. To ensure adequate scheduling of contested temporary relief matters in the Family Division, shorter hearings are required. *See Miller v. Gordon*, 365 So. 3d 1247, 1251 (Fla. 1st DCA 2023); *Hoff v. Hoff*, 100 So. 3d 1164, 1168 (Fla. 4th DCA 2012) (“Contested temporary relief hearings are not and should not be as lengthy as contested final hearings.”).

(d) In accordance with the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Article V, section 2(d) of the Florida Constitution, section 43.26, Florida Statutes, and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215, it is hereby **ORDERED:**

(1) All requests for temporary child support shall be scheduled for no more than **thirty (30) minutes** per case unless otherwise instructed by the assigned Judge or General Magistrate. These hearings shall be scheduled on the Judge or General Magistrate’s child support calendar. If the assigned Judge or General Magistrate does not maintain a separate child support calendar, such hearings shall be scheduled pursuant to the assigned Judge or General Magistrate’s divisional procedures.

(2) All other temporary relief issues, including but not limited to spousal support, time-sharing, exclusive use and possession, attorney’s fees and costs shall be limited to **one (1) hour** per case unless otherwise authorized by the assigned

Judge or General Magistrate. These hearings shall be scheduled pursuant to the assigned Judge or General Magistrate's divisional procedures.

- (3) No temporary relief hearing shall be set unless the parties have first submitted to mediation and an impasse has been reported.
- (4) Failure to appear for mediation when scheduled shall result in the imposition of costs upon one or both of the parties. Once set, the mediation date cannot be changed without agreement of both parties or approval of the assigned Judge or General Magistrate. Temporary relief agreements shall immediately be reduced to writing and signed by both parties. The settlement agreement shall then be submitted to the Court along with a proposed order/recommended order approving the settlement.
- (5) Temporary relief hearings may be canceled only on order/recommended order of the assigned Judge or General Magistrate.
- (6) The order scheduling mediation and the notice of hearing shall be prepared by counsel.
- (7) Should both parties file temporary relief motions, the matters shall be heard at the same time unless the assigned Judge or General Magistrate deems it impracticable. Hearings on subsequent motions for temporary relief shall only be set with authorization of the assigned Judge or General Magistrate.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, this 26th day of February, 2026.

/s/ Carol-Lisa Phillips
Carol-Lisa Phillips, Chief Judge