



Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan



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Subject: Wayne County Circuit Court Family Division-Domestic Relations Expansion of Services

Detroit, MI – After several weeks of operating essential services only, the Wayne County Circuit Court Family Division-Domestic Relations Section expanded services commencing May 11, 2020. At that time, both judicial and referee hearings resumed and are being conducted via Zoom until further notice. For hearings conducted May 11, 2020 forward, the Court has sent electronic notices to parties and/or attorneys for all judicial hearings and the Friend of the Court will be sending notices regarding the referee hearings.

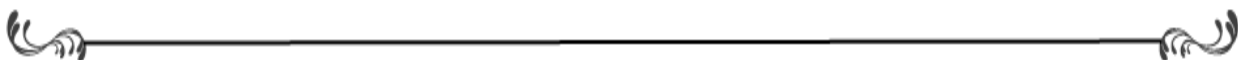
If a party or attorney has not received their electronic notice for their judicial hearing or received their notice or communication regarding their referee hearing, they may contact the judge's or referee's courtroom at the email addresses listed at <http://www.3rdcc.org/zoom>. Parties and attorneys can always check their case status at [http://www.3rdcc.org/odyssey-public-access-\(opa\)](http://www.3rdcc.org/odyssey-public-access-(opa)). Further, if a party or attorney signs up for the Case Reminder Service at <http://www.3rdcc.org/CaseReminderService>, they will receive notifications by text or email of their hearing date.

As the Family Division-Domestic Relations Section transitions from an in-person “paper” world to an electronic world, there are several resources available on the Court's website to assist parties and attorneys in navigating the new electronic systems.

As the Family Division-Domestic Relations Section location at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center will remain closed to the public, all Domestic Relations filings must be done remotely. Filings may be done via email, fax, or mail.

Information on how to file pleadings at this time may be found at <http://www.3rdcc.org/divisions/family-domestic/emergency-and-non-emergency-filings>.

Information on filing Personal Protection Orders may be found at <http://www.3rdcc.org/divisions/family-domestic/personal-protection-order-filing-instructions>.



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Parties and attorneys can find links to the Family Division-Domestic Relations section Zoom hearings at <http://www.3rdcc.org/zoom>. In addition, that website contains email addresses for all of the courtrooms to which parties and attorneys can email judges and referees copies of motions and other pleadings.

Several legal resources are available for those parties needing assistance navigating the Court system at this time:

Assistance with Personal Protection Orders:

First Step

(734) 756-0508

24 Hour Helpline (734) 722-6800

Domestic Violence Advocacy Project- AmeriCorps

(313) 334-7922

Assistance with Filing Pleadings:

Michigan Legal Help

Michiganlegalhelp.org

Lakeshore Legal Aid

lakeshorelegalaid.org

(888) 783-8190

William Booth Legal Aid Clinic

www.wblac.org

(313) 361-6340

Parties and attorneys can continue to contact the Court for inquiries about their cases. For Friend of the Court inquiries, please call 1-844-785-7593. For Domestic Relations inquiries, please call (313) 224-6639.

Parties and attorneys are always encouraged to check the Court's website for any updates to the Court's operation during this time. Updates as to any Family Division-Domestic Relations Section services will be posted at <http://www.3rdcc.org/divisions/family-domestic>.



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