

Judge Ariana E. Heath

Policies and Procedures

Judicial Administrative Secretary: Kristen Abt
Judicial Advisory Assistant:
Courtroom location: 5th floor, room 504
Domestic Court Clerk: 810-341-7674
Juvenile Court Clerk: 810-257-3510

Judicial Procedures and Practice Information

Domestic Cases

Motion Policy: Judge's copies are required on all motions and responses. Please place the date of your motion on the front page of the judge's copy. Motions will be scheduled via zoom, but parties may appear in person if already in the courthouse.

Motion Adjournment Policy: The moving party may adjourn a motion twice without re-filing. A stipulation and order to adjourn will be required and a reason must be given. Please contact the judicial office or court clerk in advance. Adjournments the day of the motion may be granted, provided notice is given to judicial staff.

Motion day schedule:	8:30am	Domestic judgments and referee objections
	9:00am	Name changes, domestic motions, child support, and show causes
	2:30pm	FOC matters

PPO matters: PPO hearings, violations, and motions will be hearing on Tuesdays at 9 am during domestic trial weeks. These will be in person.

Mandatory Settlement Conferences: Tuesday mornings of every week. Parties may appear via zoom.

Scheduling orders: The Court will issue scheduling orders and all terms shall be enforced.

Non-jury Trials: Conducted Wednesday through Friday of the domestic term. All trials will be conducted in person. Requests for experts or other witnesses to testify via video conferencing will be taken on a case-by-case basis and must be addressed prior to the trial date. Schedule includes evidentiary hearings on divorce, post-judgment motions, show cause hearings, and de novo hearings on referee recommendations. Domestic cases involving child related issues will be given priority. Adjournments will be for good cause only and stipulated orders must be provided in advance.

Ex-parte orders: Ex-parte orders will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Orders must be accompanied by a verified motion and comply with court rules.

FOC Bench Warrant Arraignments: Friday afternoons

Juvenile cases

Child Protective Proceedings and Delinquency Petitions

Contested Pre-trials and Motions: Conducted on Tuesdays beginning at 1:30 pm.

Trials: Conducted Wednesday through Friday of the juvenile term, in person proceedings.