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19th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida
218 South 2nd Street
Fort Pierce, FL 34950**



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DATE: December 7, 2021
SUBJECT: ST. LUCIE COUNTY FAMILY HEARINGS (L-Z)
RE: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ALL COURT
PROCEEDINGS (EXCEPT DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE HEARINGS) SHALL BE
CONDUCTED REMOTELY IN COMPLIANCE
WITH CURRENT FLORIDA SUPREME COURT
AND CIRCUIT 19 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS**

*(Including, but not limited to Florida Supreme Court AOSC21-17
and 19th Circuit Administrative Order AO2021-11)*

At your designated hearing time, you will appear through Zoom teleconferencing (without charge) via video by clicking <https://zoom.us/j/5230674356> or via telephone by calling 1-646-558-8656; Meeting ID: 523-067-4356.

YOU MUST APPEAR VIA VIDEO (NOT JUST CALLING IN VIA PHONE) TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY.

- **Pro Se Litigants (when neither party is represented by counsel):** Please use [FormA - Family Case Inquiry/Update](#) to inquire about scheduling or rescheduling hearings, and/or other questions or issues.

- **Attorneys:** UMC and routine motions (requiring 60 minutes or less hearing time) may be set as usual on the online attorney calendar and **the following language should be included in the Notice of Hearing:**

***Notice of In Person Appearance
Hearing Language***

If you are a person seeking or are required to enter a courthouse facility, please be aware of the following health/safety protocols:

Occupants of all Nineteenth Judicial Circuit courthouse facilities, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, are recommended and encourage to utilize face masks while in all areas of the facility. If you would like to wear a face mask but are not in possession of one, a face mask will be provided to you at no cost. Upon entry, notify security, or the judge or presiding officer of the court you are attending, that you request a face mask and one will be provided to you at no cost.

Notice of Remote Hearing Language

Pursuant to current Florida Supreme Court and Circuit 19 Administrative Orders regarding COVID-19 procedures, non-essential court proceedings shall be conducted remotely through Zoom.

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PLEASE NOTE: The language for BOTH In-Person and Remote hearing appearance shall be included in ALL notices of hearing prepared by Court or counsel pursuant to Administrative Order 2021-11.

Please provide a **HEARING PACKET** to the court ***immediately*** upon filing the motion and notice of hearing, but no later than ***FIVE (5) business days prior*** to the scheduled hearing. (*The day of the hearing is NOT counted as the fifth day. See Family Court Procedures for more information*)

If you have a **dissolution of marriage final hearing**, you must e-file with the Clerk of Court, and email to SLCJudge8@circuit19.org a copy of your Florida driver's license, Florida ID card, voter registration, or Affidavit of Corroborating Witness for the Proof of Florida Residence requirement. **The Court does not accept Affidavits in lieu of personal appearances for Final Hearings.** To change your name to a former name, you will need to appear remotely OR provide an Affidavit of Name Change.

PLEASE NOTE: The driver's license must be issued **at least six (6) months prior to the date of filing of the petition for dissolution of marriage.** If you are using a corroborating witness, a copy of the witness' Florida driver's license (*issued at least six (6) months prior to the date of the filing of the petition*) must be provided with the hearing packet.

EVIDENCE/EXHIBITS

EVIDENCE/EXHIBITS for **EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS/TRIALS** must be pre-marked. Please contact the Clerk of Court, Domestic Relations Division for the evidence/exhibit template(s).

- **TWO (2) hard copies of ALL evidence/exhibits, including electronic media, must be submitted to the Clerk of Court, Domestic Relations Division, at least two (2) business days prior to the evidentiary hearing/trial. (The day of the hearing is NOT counted as the second day.)**
- **Thumb drives or other electronic media such as OneDrive or DropBox links will not be accepted**

EVIDENCE/EXHIBITS for **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HEARINGS/TRIALS** must be pre-marked. Please contact the Clerk of Court, Domestic Relations Division for the evidence/exhibit template(s).

- **TWO (2) hard copies of ALL evidence/exhibits, including electronic media, must be submitted to the Clerk of Court, Domestic Relations Division, at least two (2) business days prior to the evidentiary hearing/trial. (The day of the hearing is NOT counted as the second day.)**
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(The Evidence/Exhibit Policy may be updated at any time. PLEASE VISIT JUDGE GRIFFIN'S WEBPAGE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE EXHIBIT/EVIDENCE POLICY)