

**LOCAL RULES OF PRACTICE
TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
HICKMAN, LEWIS, PERRY AND WILLIAMSON COUNTIES**

**RULES OF THE CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY COURTS
FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**Adopted Effective September 1, 2004
As Amended Through September 1, 2017**

INTRODUCTION

JUDGES. The 21st Judicial District embraces Hickman, Lewis, Perry, and Williamson Counties. All Judges of the 21st Judicial District have full civil and criminal jurisdiction therein and are assigned areas of responsibility by the Presiding Judge.

CLERKS. Each county within the District has a Circuit Court Clerk and a Clerk and Master with powers and duties prescribed by statute for such offices generally. The Clerk and Master is also clerk of the Probate Division of the Chancery Court.

The clerks are expected to perform all of the acts, including the issuance of writs of attachment, and fixing bonds therefor, which the Clerks are authorized to perform under the applicable statutes.

As used in these Rules, "CLERK" includes the Circuit Court Clerk and/or the Chancery Clerk and Master.

GRANDJURIES will be empanelled as follows:

WILLIAMSON COUNTY-First Monday in January and July.

When the first Monday in January is January 1, the Grand Jury will be empanelled on January 2.

When the first Monday in July is July 4, the Grand Jury will be empanelled on July 5.

HICKMAN COUNTY-First Wednesday in February and August.

LEWIS COUNTY-First Monday in February and August.

If the first Monday is a holiday, the Grand Jury will be empanelled on the next Tuesday following.

PERRY COUNTY-Fourth Monday in February and August.

If the fourth Monday is a holiday, the Grand Jury will be empanelled on the next Wednesday following.

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WHEREAS: Effective December 1, 2014, the Circuit and Chancery Courts for the Twenty-First Judicial District (the “District”), adopted a comprehensive restatement of the Local Rules of Practice for Civil and Criminal Cases pending in the District (the “Local Rules”); and

WHEREAS: The Local Rules have promoted the efficient and cost-effective resolution and disposition of cases brought in the District; and

WHEREAS: Experience gained through enforcing and adhering to the Local Rules has revealed the need to adopt certain amendments to clarify the intention of the courts and provide guidance to litigants, the general public, and the practicing bar.

THEREFORE, the following Local Rules are amended and restated as set out herein, and all Local Rules not hereby amended shall remain in full force and effect. For ease of reference, where the substance of an amendment is to add language to an existing Local Rule, the new language is set out in italics. Where the substance of an amendment is to replace existing language and substitute new language, an explanatory note to that effect is set out in brackets.

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CIVIL RULES

Rule 1. General Rules Not Abrogated

The Tennessee Rules of Civil, Criminal and Appellate Procedure, of Evidence, and the Rules of Professional Conduct and Judicial Conduct, will take precedence over these Rules.

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Rule 2. Filing and Serving of Papers

Section 2.01. Filing with the Clerk

All pleadings, motions, proposed judgments and orders shall be filed with or submitted to the Clerk. Briefs shall be lodged with the Clerk who will deliver the same to the Judge.

Section 2.02. Certificate of Service

All papers must contain a certificate of service to opposing party’s(ies’)/counsel which must contain the date of service, the name of the person or persons served, and the method of service. The Clerk may refuse to file papers not having a certificate which complies with these rules and all applicable rules of Civil, Criminal or Appellate Procedure. (For the Rule as to appealable orders or decrees, see Rules 5 and 11.01).

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Rule 3. Jury Trial

Section 3.01. Peremptory Challenge Procedure

At trial, peremptory challenges will be written on a sheet of paper provided the respective attorneys for that purpose. Any objection with regard to a challenge based upon systematic racial or sexual discrimination will be made by any party at this time. The failure to object when returning the opponent's challenge sheet to the court officer constitutes a waiver of such objection.

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Rule 4. Trial and Motion Schedules and Calendars

Section 4.01. Trial and Motion Schedules and Calendars

The Presiding Judge will prepare and deliver to the Clerks a master schedule designating days for motions, non-jury trials and jury trials for each Judge. Individual trial and motion calendars will be prepared by the Clerk.

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Rule 5. Pretrial Motions

Section 5.01. General

All pretrial motions must be filed and scheduled for hearing no later than the court's last regular motion day before the scheduled trial date. No motions, including motions in limine to exclude testimony, will be heard on the day of trial.

Section 5.02. Content of Motions

Motions and written oppositions to motions may contain legal analysis or argument designated as such, or may be accompanied by a separate memorandum of law. In the event a party relies upon legal authority other than published cases decided by Tennessee appellate courts, a copy of the authority on which the party relies shall be filed as an appendix to the party's written legal argument.

Section 5.03. 14-Day Rule

(a) All motions, other than motions for summary judgment, together with all affidavits, sworn income and expense statements, depositions, briefs and other matters presented in support of the motion, must be filed and served by personal delivery at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for the hearing on the motion. Notice of the hearing date shall be either set out conspicuously in the motion or in a separate writing filed with the clerk and served on all parties at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date.

(b) Motions for summary judgment must be scheduled to be heard at least thirty (30) days before the scheduled trial date, unless the court orders otherwise. A motion for summary judgment cannot be heard until at least thirty-seven (37) days after the motion and all matters presented in support of the motion are filed *and served*, unless the court orders otherwise. Motions for summary judgment will be set for hearing upon contacting the court's judicial legal assistant for dates and times and by order of the court using the form in **Appendix A** attached hereto.

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(c) If a motion is opposed, a written response to the motion must be filed and served on all parties. Responses to motions, including counter-affidavits, sworn income and expense statements, depositions, briefs or any other matters presented in opposition to the motion, must be filed and served by personal delivery. For motions set to be heard in Williamson County, service must be accomplished no later than the close of business on the Monday before the day on which the motion is set to be heard. For motions set to be heard in either Hickman, Lewis, or Perry Counties, such service shall be accomplished not later than the close of business four (4) business days prior to the date on which the motion is set to be heard. There shall be no reply to a response. In the event no written response is filed in opposition to a motion, the counsel for the moving party need not appear on the date set for hearing. Rather, counsel for the moving party may serve and submit an order to be signed by the Judge which order shall be treated as an order not approved for entry by all parties, in accordance with Rule 11.01 of these Local Rules. The Circuit Court Clerk and the Clerk & Master shall establish a "no response" docket which reflects the date and time when a motion is filed and the fact that no response was timely filed.

(d) If, at the time a motion is filed the moving party sets the motion to be heard, the motion shall conspicuously state the date and time of the hearing and shall advise the non-moving party that the failure to file and serve a written response may result in the motion being granted without further hearing. The following text, if used by the moving party, shall be deemed in compliance with this rule:

"THIS MOTION IS SET TO BE HEARD ON _____(date) AT (time) O'CLOCK, A.M./P.M. ON THE (CIRCUIT) (CHANCERY) COURT MOTION DOCKET HEARD AT THE _____ COUNTY COURTHOUSE. IF NO WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS MOTION IS FILED AND SERVED IN THE TIME SET BY THE LOCAL RULES OF PRACTICE, THE MOTION MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT A HEARING."

(e) If, at the time a motion is filed, the moving party does not set the motion to be heard, the motion shall conspicuously advise the non-moving party that the motion has not been set for a hearing. Thereafter, the moving party, or the parties by agreement, shall, by written notice timely served on all parties, set the motion to be heard within the time constraints established by these rules.

(f) For purposes of this Local Rule, service by personal delivery of a motion or of a written response in opposition to a motion means: (i) physical delivery, or (ii) electronic delivery via email in accordance with Rule 5.02(2), Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure.

Section 5.04 Motion to Compel/Efforts to Resolve Discovery Conflicts

The Court will refuse to rule on any motion related to discovery, *including a motion to compel for failure to timely respond*, unless the motion contains a statement which certifies the lawyer for the

moving party, or the moving party when said party is self-represented, has conferred with opposing counsel, or party, in a good faith effort to resolve the matters alleged in the motion and that the effort has not been successful. Such good faith effort shall, at a minimum, be evidenced by a writing from the moving party to the non-moving party describing the alleged deficiencies in discovery.

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Section 5.05. Chambers' Copies of Motions and Memoranda

Parties have leave to submit to the courts' chambers an additional copy of all potentially dispositive motions and supporting memoranda of law [e.g. motions to dismiss, judgment on the pleadings, summary judgment] and motions and supporting memoranda of law for class certification. Such submission may be by email to the respective judge's assistant attaching a portable data file. A chambers' copy of supporting evidentiary material is not required nor encouraged. A party submitting a chambers' copy of any motion and/or memorandum shall serve a full and complete copy on the adverse party. Orders are not to be submitted directly to chambers, unless specifically requested by the court. All originals must be filed with the clerk.

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Rule 6. Post-Trial Motions and Motions in Hickman, Lewis, and Perry Counties

Section 6.01 Motions for New Trial, Motions for Judgment N.O.V. and Motions to Alter or Amend

Motions for new trial, motions for judgment n.o.v. and motions to alter or amend will not be set for hearing except upon direction of the Judge. Such motions should be accompanied by any citation of authorities and written argument which the moving party wishes the Judge to consider. No such motion will be sustained by the Judge without affording the adverse parties an opportunity either to file responsive briefs and written argument or to be heard in oral argument.

Section 6.02. Setting of Motions in Hickman, Lewis, or Perry County

(a) Motions in all civil cases pending in either Hickman, Lewis, or Perry County may be heard on the regular circuit or chancery motion dockets of any of those counties irrespective of the county where the case[s] may be pending. Counsel for a party wishing to have a motion heard in a county other than the county where the case is pending shall give fourteen (14) days notice to adversary counsel and the court of the setting for the hearing and shall be responsible for obtaining the record from the Circuit Clerk or Clerk & Master where the case is pending, delivering the record to the court on the day of the hearing and, following the hearing, promptly returning the record to the Circuit Clerk or Clerk & Master where the case is pending.

(b) The provisions of this Section are applicable only to cases pending in either Hickman, Lewis, or Perry counties, shall not apply to cases pending in Williamson County and does not authorize the setting of any pretrial motions for hearing in Williamson County without prior leave of court.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, no party proceeding *pro se* shall be permitted to set a pretrial motion for hearing in any county other than the county in which the case is pending.

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Rule 7. Setting Cases for Trial and Continuances

Section 7.01. Setting Cases for Trial

Except for divorce and parenting plan actions and cases anticipated to take longer than 3 days to try, cases shall be set for trial in one of the following ways:

- (a) By agreement of counsel after consultation with the Judges' Administrative Assistant, such agreement to be evidenced by a court order;
- (b) By motion; and
- (c) By the court with notice to counsel.

Non-jury trials which are anticipated to require 2 hours or less may be set by agreed order on the regularly scheduled non-jury days. Cases requiring longer than 2 hours, but not longer than one (1) day, may be set by agreement after consultation with the Judges' Office. Domestic cases will be set in accordance with Rule 12 of these Local Rules.

Court schedules shall be prepared, released, posted in the clerk's offices and distributed to the attorneys quarterly for the following six- month period. Attorneys may request electronic mail of the court's schedule by providing their electronic mail address to the judge's office. Cases shall be docketed in the order that the Order setting the case for trial is presented to the clerk of the court.

All motions to set and orders setting a case for trial will include a statement of how long the attorney anticipates the case will take for trial. Any case that the attorney or attorneys anticipate will take longer than three days will be set by motion only.

Section 7.02. Certifying Cases Ready When Set

(a) When a case is set by agreement or by motion without objection, all counsel are certifying that they, their clients, and their necessary witnesses will be available for trial on the trial date and that all discovery has been completed or will be completed prior to the selected trial date. Where a case is set by the court or by motion over the objection of one or more of the parties, the court will specify a reasonable time within which discovery is to be completed and specify a trial date which falls at least fifteen (15) days thereafter. The failure to have completed discovery, inability to take a deposition, or failure to have completed any other trial preparation will not be grounds for a continuance.

(b) In accordance with Rule 5, all pretrial motions, including motions to exclude evidence, must be filed in time to permit oral argument not later than the last regular motion day before the scheduled trial date. No motions will be argued on the morning of trial.

(c) At the time a case is set for trial, counsel will provide their best, good-faith estimate of the number of trial days reasonably likely to be required to try the case.

(d) For all cases to be tried to a jury, and all non-jury cases where counsel for at least one party estimates the trial to require two or more days to try, the order setting the case for trial shall comply with the provisions of Rule 9 of these Local Rules.

(e) Mediation is a proven and effective method of alternative dispute resolution. Engaging in mediation promotes settlement and enhances the just and efficient resolution of civil litigation. Accordingly, unless approved by the court, no civil action shall be set for trial unless the parties have (i) engaged in good faith mediation without success, or have either, (ii) a firm date set for a mediation, (iii) a deadline pursuant to a scheduling order for completion of mediation, or (iv) an order of the court relieving the parties from the requirements of this rule, at the time they seek to have a case set for trial. This rule does not apply to the following classes of cases: (i) appeals from judgments in the general session court or juvenile court, and (ii) cases seeking termination of parental rights.

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Section 7.03. Continuances

Cases may be continued only by leave of court. Motions and agreements for continuance must be supported by sworn affidavit and either be signed by the party or signed by the attorney and contain a certificate that a copy of the motion has been mailed to the party or parties whom a signing attorney represents.

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Rule 8. General Sessions Appeals

All General Sessions appeals will be set for trial by order of the Court. The Clerk will notify the parties of the trial date.

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Rule 9. Pre-Trial Procedure in Civil Cases

Section 9.01. Non-Jury Cases Requiring No More Than One Trial Day

In all civil actions set for trial on the merits where all counsel for the parties estimate in good faith that no more than one day will be required to try the case, at least seventy-two (72) hours (excluding weekends) prior to the date set for trial:

(a) The names and addresses of all witnesses shall be furnished to opposing counsel;

(b) Copies of all exhibits which are proposed to be offered shall be furnished to opposing counsel. When it is impractical to copy exhibits, the proposed exhibits shall be made available for inspection upon reasonable notice; and

(c) In a divorce hearing, either final or temporary, involving alimony and/or child support issues, a property, income, and expense statement in the form attached as **Appendix B** as appropriate, shall be filed with the Clerk and a copy furnished to opposing counsel. The parties may also include a proposed division of property and indebtednesses.

A violation of the above may be grounds for exclusion of the evidence.

Section 9.02. Jury Trials and Non-Jury Cases Requiring Two or More Trial Days

In all civil actions set for trial by jury and all non-jury cases where counsel for the parties estimate in good faith that two or more days will be required to try the case, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) Not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the trial date, each party shall supplement all prior written discovery responses to the fullest extent required by Rule 26.05(3) of the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to relieve any party of the duty seasonably to supplement the party's responses to discovery otherwise required by Rules 26.05(1) and (2).

(b) In cases to be tried to a jury, not less than twenty-eight (28) days prior to the trial date, each party shall file and serve proposed jury instructions and requested verdict form and provide a bench copy to the court. A party requesting an instruction contained in the "then-most-current-edition" of the Tennessee Patterned Jury Instructions (Civil), may comply with this rule by citing to the number of the pattern instruction. A party requesting an instruction not contained in the pattern instructions shall provide the full text of the requested instruction together with appropriate citation to legal authority for the proposed instruction.

(c) Not less than seven (7) days prior to the trial date, the parties shall jointly file a pre-trial statement setting out the following information:

(i) The name of each witness to be called by each party during the presentation of that party's case-in-chief, either in person or by deposition, together with a designation of whether the witness is offered as an expert;

(ii) A designation by page and line number of all deposition excerpts to be offered into evidence in lieu of the live testimony of the deponent witness pursuant to Rules 32.01 (2) and (3) of the Tennessee Rule of Civil Procedure and any objection to such designation;

(iii) A list of all exhibits to be offered by each party into evidence during the presentation of that party's case-in-chief, together with a designation of which exhibits, if any, have been stipulated by the parties to be either authentic and/or admissible in evidence; and

(iv) A concise statement of each party's claims and defenses.

(d) Not less than seven (7) days prior to a non-jury trial, each party shall separately file and serve on all other parties by personal delivery, a pre-trial brief setting forth the party's position and legal argument with respect to the issues to be tried. A party may choose to comply with this Section by filing proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.

Section 9.03. Customized Case Management

(a) The purpose of customized case management is to provide mandatory, court-supervised case management tailored to the individual needs of appropriate cases. Management of cases is primarily and ultimately the responsibility of the lawyers acting in the best interests of their clients. Customized case management brings to bear the attention and resources of the court to assist the parties in achieving the most efficient planning, scheduling, and progression of the case in order to facilitate the just, speedy, and less costly disposition of civil actions in the 21st Judicial District. Cases appropriate for customized case management are those that present inherent factual, legal, or procedural complexity such that the efficient administration of justice and the interests of the parties will benefit from a greater degree of pre-trial case management.

(b) After the filing of an initial responsive pleading, counsel for either party may, by motion, request that a case be subject to the pre-trial procedures in this Section. The court may, on its own motion, likewise determine that a case be subject to the procedures in this Section. Because the benefits of customized case management are diminished the longer a case is pending, the court will give great weight to the length of time a case has been pending in determining whether the case is appropriate for the procedures of this Section.

(c) A case selected for customized case management will be promptly set for an Initial Case Management Conference which, at the court's discretion, may be held in person with counsel for the parties or by a scheduled telephone conference call. The Initial Case Management Conference shall be conducted in accordance with Rule 26.06 of the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure. Prior to the Initial Case Management Conference, counsel for all parties shall, at the initiative of plaintiff's counsel, prepare a proposed case management order that includes to the extent practicable the following elements:

- (i) Whether the court's jurisdiction and the venue of the action are disputed;
- (ii) The parties' theories of the case and their claims and defenses;
- (iii) A proposed discovery plan. In the event the parties are unable to reasonably agree on a proposed discovery plan, each party shall submit the party's own proposed discovery plan; and
- (iv) The identification of any legal issues, the resolution of which may substantially shorten the litigation or length of trial.

(d) The court, on its own motion or the parties by agreement or motion, may schedule subsequent case management conferences as appropriate and necessary for the efficient conduct of the case.

(e) The provisions of Section 9.02 shall apply to all cases subject to this Section.

[Adopted effective September 1, 2004; Amended effective September 1, 2010; Further amended effective December 1, 2014].

Section 9.04 Complex Commercial Dispute Docket

(a) **General:** A separate Complex Commercial Dispute Docket is hereby created for eligible civil cases filed in Chancery or Circuit Court in Williamson County.

(b) **Purpose and Organization:** The Complex Commercial Dispute Docket is a form of customized case management consisting of a specialized docket established to provide more cost effective disposition of business cases, and continuity of case management notwithstanding the normal docket rotation practices of the Twenty-First Judicial District. A single circuit judge/chancellor, designated by the Presiding Judge with the concurrence of all circuit judges serving the Judicial District, shall be assigned to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket. Individual cases shall be transferred to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket in accordance with the procedures set out in this Section 9.04, irrespective of which part of the Circuit or Chancery non-domestic civil docket the case would ordinarily be assigned based upon docket number at the time of initial filing.

(c) **Eligibility Criteria:** A civil case is eligible for transfer to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket if:

(1) The amount in controversy based upon the pleadings is at least \$200,000, or the action asserts claims seeking primarily injunctive or declaratory relief; and

(2) The case meets one or more of the following criteria:

- (i) Relates to the internal governance affairs of a business entity (i.e., corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, REITs, and other associations of persons formed for the purpose of conducting business) including, without limitation, (A) resolution of governance deadlock; (B) judicial dissolution of the entity; (C) declaration of the rights or obligations between those holding ownership interests such as shareholders, partners, and/or members, however denominated, and/or (D) the liability or indemnity of officers, directors, managers, trustees or partners.
- (ii) Involves claims for breach of contract, fraud, misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty or statutory violations between businesses arising out of business transactions or relationships.
- (iii) Is a shareholder derivative action or an action brought pursuant to the Tennessee Securities Act.
- (iv) Involves commercial real property disputes other than (A) claims subject to arbitrations and (B) residential landlord-tenant disputes and foreclosures.
- (v) Involves business claims between or among two or more business entities or individuals as to their business or investment activities relating to contracts, transactions, or relationships between or among them.

- (vi) Arises from technology licensing agreements, including software and biotechnology licensing agreements, or any agreement involving the licensing of any intellectual property right recognized by Tennessee law.

(3) The following cases are excluded from the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket:

- (i) Personal injury including wrongful death.
- (ii) Professional malpractice claims, except where incidental to claims arising out of or related to professional services rendered to a business enterprise and otherwise qualifying pursuant to Section 9.04(c) (1) and (2) of these Local Rules.
- (iii) Consumer transactions, residential landlord-tenant disputes and residential foreclosure actions.
- (iv) Employment disputes except where incidental to matters otherwise qualifying pursuant to Section 9.04(c) (1) and (2) of these Local Rules.
- (v) Health care liability actions.
- (vi) A professional fee dispute except where incidental to matters otherwise qualifying pursuant to Section 9.04(c) (1) and (2) of these Local Rules.
- (vii) Cases in which the State of Tennessee is a party.
- (viii) Administrative appeals from a State, County or other government agency including tax, zoning and land use matters.

(d) **Procedure for transfer to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket:**

- (1) Any party, in a civil action eligible for transfer to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket, may, not later than sixty (60) days following that party's filing and service of a pleading or responsive pleading, file and serve a Motion For Transfer to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket using the form for such motion found in **Appendix C** of these Local Rules. The moving party shall set the Motion for Transfer to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket for a hearing pursuant to Section 5.03 of these Local Rules. The judge assigned to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket shall decide the merits of said motion.
- (2) In addition, the court to which an eligible case is initially assigned at the time of filing, if that judge is not the judge assigned to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket, may, on that court's own motion, designate such eligible case for transfer to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket. Any party objecting to the transfer shall, not later than twenty eight (28) days following the designation of the case for transfer to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket, file and serve its objection to the designation and set the same for hearing pursuant to Section 5.03 of these Local Rules. Any party failing to object timely and in writing to the designation of a case for transfer to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket, shall be deemed to have consented to such designation.

(e) **Effect of transfer to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket:** Cases transferred to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket will be subject to customized case management pursuant to Tenn. R. Civ. P. 16 and Section 9.03 of these Local Rules and will be assigned to the same judge/chancellor for disposition irrespective of the normal practices of docket rotation.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2017].

Section 9.05 **Procedures Applicable to Motions, Petitions, and other Requests for Criminal Contempt Sanctions**

- (a) **Notice of initial appearance:** At the time any motion, petition or other request for criminal contempt sanctions is filed by a private party, the clerk shall cause to be entered an order (the “Initial Appearance Order”) requiring the contempt defendant to appear before the court in which the criminal contempt matter is pending, pursuant to Tenn. R. Crim. P. 42, on a date certain to be entered by the clerk at the time the order to appear is entered. The order entered by the clerk shall conform to the form in **Appendix D** to these Local Rules. The party initiating the criminal contempt matter shall, without unreasonable delay, serve the Initial Appearance Order upon the criminal contempt defendant and/or his or her counsel of record, if any.

- (b) **Initial appearance:** Unless the contempt defendant waives his or her right to an initial appearance, at the date and time set in the Initial Appearance Order, or by any subsequent court order, the court will provide the contempt defendant the notices described in Tenn. R. Crim. P. 42(b)(1) and enter an order confirming such notice in compliance with Tenn. R. Crim. P. 42(b)(2) (the “Rule 42 Order”). The Rule 42 Order shall conform to the form in **Appendix E** to these Local Rules and shall include (i) a schedule for the orderly disposition of the contempt charge, (ii) a stay of discovery served on the contempt defendant, and (ii) a hearing date, if feasible.

- (c) **Waiver of initial appearance:** Prior to the scheduled date of the initial appearance, a contempt defendant may waive his or her right to an initial appearance by filing and serving upon the adversary party, a notice of waiver that conforms in form and substance with the form in **Appendix F** to these Local Rules.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2017].

Rule 10. **Exhibits**

Section 10.01. Depositions and Discovery Material

Depositions and discovery material shall not be filed with the Clerk. Any such material offered into evidence that is not read to the court may be made trial exhibits at the request of either party and subject to approval by the Court.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2004; Amended Effective December 1, 2014].

Section 10.02 Custody of the Clerk

All trial exhibits shall be marked by, accounted for and placed in the custody of the Clerk unless otherwise directed by the court.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2004; Amended Effective September 1, 2010].

Section 10.03 Disposition of Exhibits in Civil Cases

After final determination of any case, the parties shall have 30 days to withdraw exhibits. The Clerk may destroy or dispose of exhibits not so withdrawn.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2004; Amended Effective September 1, 2010].

Rule 11. Orders and Judgments

Section 11.01 Preparation and Submission

Unless the court directs otherwise, attorneys for prevailing parties will prepare proposed orders for entry by the court and shall file such proposed orders not more than seven (7) days following the day on which the ruling is made by the court. If the proposed order submitted reflects that it has been approved for entry by counsel for all parties, then the court will take action promptly to enter such proposed order, or, at the court's discretion, enter the court's own order with respect to the ruling. If the proposed order does not reflect that it has been approved for entry by counsel for all parties, then the court will take no action to enter such proposed order for seven (7) days after receipt of the proposed order to afford counsel for the opposing party to submit an alternative proposed order. If the opposing party submits an alternative proposed order, the court shall undertake promptly to enter either the original proposed order, the alternative proposed order, or the court's own order with respect to the ruling. All of the time periods in this section may, for good cause, be extended by the court.

A party's approval for entry of a proposed order, which does not by its express terms state that it is an agreed order, shall not be construed as anything other than the party's agreement that the proposed order accurately reflects the court's ruling on the particular matter and shall not be construed to imply that party's agreement with or consent to the ruling set out in the proposed order.

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Section 11.02 Non-Minute Entry Orders

Orders not affecting the legal course of an action, such as orders setting a case for trial or acting upon a request for a continuance, may be designated by the clerk as a non-minute entry order. Such designated order shall be placed in the file of the case but not spread upon the minutes of the court.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2004; Amended Effective September 1, 2010].

Section 11.03 Court Costs

(a) All final judgments shall provide for the taxing of court costs.

(b) Whenever it appears to the clerk that a judgment has been satisfied but that court costs have not been paid, the clerk may apply to the court for a retaxing of court costs. The clerk shall notify the parties of the application and the date and time it will be considered by the court.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2004; Amended Effective September 1, 2010].

Rule 12. Divorce and Child Parenting Hearings

Section 12.01. Parenting Seminars

All parties to a divorce action who have minor children shall be required to complete a four (4)-hour parenting seminar which is approved by the court. The Clerk of the court shall maintain a list of organizations or individuals that have been approved by the court to conduct these seminars. A copy of the list shall be served on the opposing party along with the summons and complaint. If a party is waiving service of process, waiver of service shall be filed with the Clerk and the Clerk shall mail a copy of the list to that party.

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Section 12.02 Temporary Parenting and Support Hearings and Orders

Section 12.02(a) Agreement of the Parties

Where the parties with minor children can agree upon temporary parenting and support arrangements, a Temporary Parenting Plan substantially in the form attached as **Appendix G**, shall be prepared and submitted to the court. If approved by the court, the plan will govern the parenting and support arrangements between the parties during the pendency of the divorce action.

Section 12.02(b) Contested *Pendente Lite* Motions/Hearings

[This Section 12.02(b) completely replaces prior section 12.02(b)]

- (1) If the parties cannot agree upon temporary support and visitation matters, the issue may be brought before the court upon the filing of a proper motion. The 14-Day Rule set out in Section 5.03 of these Local Rules applies to motions for *pendente lite* relief filed pursuant to this Section 12.02(b) as well as to written responses in opposition to the requested relief.
- (2) At the time of filing, the moving party seeking *pendente lite* relief shall file and serve a proposed Temporary Parenting Plan, if applicable, as well as an affidavit of income and expenses in the form outlined in **Appendix B** attached hereto.
- (3) At the time of filing, the party opposing *pendente lite* relief shall file and serve a written response together with that party's proposed Temporary Parenting Plan as well as that party's affidavit of income and expenses in the form outlined in **Appendix B** attached hereto.
- (4) Parties in contested *pendente lite* motion hearings shall have limited leave to present live testimony under the following restrictions:
 - a. After authenticating the proposed Temporary Parenting Plan and Statement of Income and Expenses, the moving party may testify on direct examination to relevant matters that are:

- i. not contained in the party's affidavit and income and expense statement,
- ii. in rebuttal of information filed by the opposing party, and
- iii. in response to any relief being sought by the adversary party by way of a cross motion set for hearing on the same day.

- b. The party opposing the motion is entitled to cross-examine the moving party (limited, however, to matters relevant to credibility and the scope of direct, the provisions of Tenn. R. Evid. 611(b) notwithstanding) and to offer affirmative evidence likewise limited to the three issues restricting the testimony of the moving party.
- c. The moving party shall be entitled to cross examine the opposing party (limited to matters relevant to credibility and the scope of direct).

(5) Parties to contested *pendente lite* motions are reminded such motions are for the purpose of setting **temporary** support, custody, and visitation pending a final hearing. Hearings on *pendente lite* motions are not a substitution for, or a shortcut towards a final adjudication. In the event the parties cannot reasonably anticipate their contested *pendente lite* motion will be heard fully within a total time period of two (2) hours or less, the parties shall notify the court through the assigned judge's legal assistant and seek a special setting on a date other than a day reserved for general civil and/or domestic motions.

Section 12.02(c) Forms

Parenting Plans and income and expense forms will be available in each clerk's office and also may be found under Local Rules of Practice at the Williamson County, Tennessee website: www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/449.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2004; Amended Effective September 1, 2017].

Section 12.03. Contested Divorce and Parenting Actions

(a) Contested Divorce Actions. Contested divorce actions shall be set for trial by the court only upon a motion filed and served upon the adverse party at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing on the motion. Prior to the date of hearing on the motion to set, the moving party shall file and serve upon the adverse party:

1. A proposed Permanent Parenting Plan (**Appendix H**)
2. An Asset and Liability Statement (**Appendix I**)
3. Their request for relief.
4. Whether they have attempted mediation and, if not, a statement explaining their failure to mediate.
5. Their certificate of attendance at an approved parent education seminar.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2004; Amended effective September 1, 2010; Further amended effective December 1, 2014].

(b) Hearings on Motions to Set. At the hearing on motions to set for trial on divorce and parenting actions, the court will review and determine (1) whether the parties have attended the parenting seminar as required by Rule 12.01, above; (2) whether the parties have attempted

mediation and, if not, whether the case is appropriate for mediation; (3) whether the court should appoint a special master or court's expert for the purpose of assisting the court in determining the value of the assets of the parties; and (4) whether other orders of the court might facilitate the proceedings. If at this hearing the court is satisfied the case is ready for trial the action will be set for a date certain.

[Adopted effective September 1, 2004; Amended effective September 1, 2010].

Section 12.04 Non-Contested Divorces and Parenting Actions

(a) **Hearings.** Where divorce cases are grounded on irreconcilable differences or are submitted on stipulated grounds, it is not necessary to move for a default judgment provided the facts giving the court jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter are recited under oath either in the complaint or by separate affidavit. A defendant who has not filed an answer must specifically waive service of process and the filing of an answer in the marital dissolution agreement or by separate affidavit.

(b) **Children.** Parties to a parenting action who have reached an agreement with regard to their disputed issues may submit to the court a Permanent Parenting Plan in the form attached as **Appendix H**. Parties to a non-contested divorce action who have minor children may incorporate a permanent parenting plan in the same form into their marital dissolution agreement. A plaintiff with minor children who seeks a divorce after a judgment for default shall submit to the court a proposed permanent parenting plan in the same form at the final hearing for divorce.

Section 12.05 Effective Date

The provisions of this section (Rule 12) shall apply to all actions filed after January 1, 2001.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2004; Amended effective September 1, 2010; Further amended effective December 1, 2014].

Rule 13. Adoptions

Section 13.01. Filing

All adoption petitions shall be filed with the Chancery Court Clerk.

Section 13.02. Adoption by Step-Parents and Relatives

Cases where the adopting parents are the grandparents, the aunt or uncle or the step-parent of the child or children to be adopted shall not be set for adjudication by the clerk until the following documents have been filed:

- (a) The birth certificate or certificates of the child or children.
- (b) A certified copy of the marriage license of the adopting petitioners.

- (c) A certified copy of the final judgment of divorce in the event either of the adopting petitioners have previously thereto been married to another spouse.
- (d) A death certificate if either natural parent be deceased.
- (e) A death certificate of either petitioner's former spouse if said spouse is deceased.

Section 13.03. Presentation of Testimony

The testimony of adopting petitioners may be presented in person or, in the event the adopting petitioners are not within the State of Tennessee at the date of the adjudication, by interrogatory or deposition.

Section 13.04. Attendance of Adoptive Child

It shall be optional with the adopting petitioners as to whether the child or children involved in said adoption attend the adjudication.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2004; Amended Effective September 1, 2010].

Rule 14. Accountings – Return of Supporting Documentation to Fiduciary

In connection with any accounting where the fiduciary is required to produce supporting documentation, such as, but not limited to, canceled checks, bank statements, receipts, etc., the clerk shall have the right, as set forth below, to return the supporting documentation to the custody of the fiduciary for safekeeping. Such a return of documentation shall not occur until the clerk has reviewed and approved the accounting and at least 30 days have elapsed from the date the court approves the accounting and it is recorded.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2004; Amended Effective September 1, 2010].

Rule 15. Extraordinary Interlocutory Relief

Section 15.01. Restraining Orders

Proposed restraining orders shall be prepared by counsel prior to submitting the request for relief to the court. Except in domestic relations cases, the restraining order shall provide for the setting of a bond as a condition to the entry of the restraining order. The restraining order shall further provide for the setting of a hearing for temporary injunction and shall provide a place thereon for the court to set a date, time and location for such a hearing. Requests for extraordinary relief must comply in all respects with Rule 65, T.R.C.P.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2004; Amended Effective September 1, 2010].

Section 15.02. Hearings

All applications for temporary injunctive and other forms of extraordinary interlocutory relief shall be heard upon sworn pleadings or affidavit and/or deposition unless a party, prior to the time of the hearing, requests and obtains permission of the court for the introduction of oral testimony and so notifies all other counsel of record.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2004; Amended Effective September 1, 2010; Further amended Effective December 1, 2014].

Rule 16. Suspension of Rules

Whenever the court determines that justice requires it, the court may suspend any of the foregoing local rules.

[Adopted Effective September 1, 2004; Amended Effective September 1, 2010].

Rule 17. After Hours Filings

The Circuit Court Clerk and Clerk & Master for Williamson County may establish and maintain a suitably secure receptacle for the filing, after hours and on days when their offices are closed, of pleadings, motions, and other matters required to be filed. The after-hours box will be emptied at 8:00 a.m. every week day the courthouse is open for public business. All items retrieved from the after-hours box will be stamped as having been filed at 6:00 p.m. on the immediately preceding business day when the courthouse was open for public business.

[Adopted Effective December 1, 2014].

Rule 18. Probate Practice

The following Local Rules apply to probate practice in the respective counties:

Section 18.01. Williamson County

Section 18.02. Hickman County

Section 18.03. Lewis County

Section 18.04. Perry County

[Adopted Effective December 1, 2014].

LOCAL CRIMINAL RULES

RULE 1. TRIAL AND MOTIONS SCHEDULES AND CALENDARS.

Section 1.01. The presiding judge will prepare and deliver to the clerk and master a schedule designating days for motions and for trials for all judges.

Section 1.02. Trial and motion calendars will be prepared by the clerk.

RULE 2. REQUESTS FOR DISCOVERY, AND MOTIONS

[The following Section 2.01 completely replaces former Section 2.01]

Section 2.01:

- (1) The form arraignment order shall contain a default option for defense counsel, at time of arraignment, to request disclosure of evidence by the State of all information made subject to disclosure by Tenn. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1).
- (2) All pre-trial motions that the moving party reasonably anticipates will require an evidentiary hearing shall comply with Tenn. R. Crim. P. 47, and shall be filed and served in accordance with Tenn. R. Crim. P. 49(b) and set for hearing on the court's regular motion calendar, consistent with the scheduling order applicable to the particular case, not less than twenty (20) days following the date of filing and service. Pre-trial motions not requiring an evidentiary hearing shall be filed, served and set on the court's docket, consistent with the scheduling order applicable to the particular case, not less than fourteen (14) days following the date of filing and service. A party opposing a motion shall file and serve a written response, not later than the close of business three (3) days prior to the scheduled hearing date, setting forth the grounds upon which the party relies for opposing the relief sought by the moving party. For purposes of computing compliance with the time requirements of this Section 2.01(2), the provisions of Tenn. R. Crim. P. 45(a) and (d) shall be strictly applied.
- (3) Notice of the hearing date shall be conspicuously set out by the moving party in the motion at the time of filing and service.
- (4) Relief from the time requirements of the foregoing Section 2.01(2) may be granted, in the court's discretion, upon a showing of good cause supported by affidavit or other written evidence.

Section 2.02. [Deleted]. [Amended Effective September 1, 2017].

Section 2.03. At the time of arraignment, the court shall designate a review date and a plea date. On the review date or the plea date, the Court may:

- (1) Consider any plea bargain agreements between the district attorney general and the defendant and his or her attorney.
- (2) Hear any pretrial motions filed by either party.
- (3) Determine whether there are pretrial motions which cannot be heard either in accordance with these rules or for reasons of fairness to the respective parties and, if so, set those motions for appropriate disposition.

- (4) Set all cases for trial that have no pretrial motions pending, except for those cases described in Section 2.04 below.
- (5) Pass the case to the next appropriate date.

Section 2.04

(1). On the review date for each particular case, it shall be the responsibility of the defendant or his or her attorney to advise the court of the following:

(a.) That the state has failed to respond to a request for discovery filed pursuant to Rule 16, T.R.Cr.P.

(2) On the review date for each particular case, it shall be the responsibility of the district attorney, or his or her assistant to advise the court that the defendant has failed to provide discovery per reciprocal agreement or as requested pursuant to Rule 16, T.R.Cr.P.

(3) Upon the determination of the existence of any of the circumstances set forth in this section, the trial court may continue the review date and may make such further orders as may be appropriate for the timely disposition of pretrial proceedings.

(4) Any circumstance not called to the attention of the court in accordance with this section shall not be considered as a ground for continuance of the trial of the case.

RULE 3. SETTING CASES FOR TRIAL.

Cases will be set for trial (1) on either the review date or the plea date, referred to in Rule 2, (2) on the date set for trial when crowded off the docket, by agreement between the district attorney or an assistant district attorney and the defendant and his or her attorney, or (3) by the court upon motion of either party or on its own motion with notice to the respective parties or attorneys.

RULE 4. CONTINUANCES.

Section 4.01. If no plea agreement is entered on or before the plea date as stated in the scheduling order, the case will be docketed for trial, unless an amended scheduling order is filed and agreed to by the Court.

Section 4.02. Once set for trial, cases may be continued only with the approval of the court. All motions for continuance made prior to the date of trial or hearing shall be filed in writing, shall state the reason the continuance is being sought and shall either be sworn to or be supported by sworn affidavit. No agreements to continue a case will be approved unless a date has been agreed upon for resetting the hearing or trial being continued.

Section 4.03. Any request for a continuance in a case where the defendant is charged with a crime of violence involving death or serious bodily injury that will cause the trial of the case to be delayed beyond 180 days from the date of the indictment shall be accompanied by a proposed certificate in compliance with T.C.A. §40-38-105 setting forth the reasons the case is still pending before the court.

Section 4.04. It is expected that a case where the defendant is charged with a crime of violence involving death or serious bodily injury shall be given priority in scheduling and selection of cases for trial over cases not involving such a charge.

[Adopted effective September 1, 2004. Amended effective September 1, 2010. Further amended December 1, 2014.]

RULE 5. REQUEST FOR SEQUESTRATION OF JURY.

Except in capital cases, both the defendant and the state shall be deemed to have waived any right they may have to a sequestered jury unless a written request has been filed with the clerk of the court at least 72 hours prior to the time the case is set for trial.

RULE 6. ORDERS AND JUDGMENTS

Section 6.01. Once sentencing has been completed, a proposed judgment document shall be prepared by the district attorney for approval by the Court. All other orders and judgments shall be prepared by the clerk, unless the court otherwise directs pursuant to Rule 6.02, and shall be submitted directly to the judge.

Section 6.02. When directed by the court counsel will prepare orders for entry. All orders prepared by counsel, except for judgment documents, shall be filed with the clerk and served on opposing counsel.

Section 6.03. Counsel who has been served with a proposed order prepared by adversary counsel at the direction of the court, shall immediately notify the court and opposing counsel of any disagreement with the contents of the proposed order. Objecting counsel shall, within 3 days, submit a revised order and serve a copy on opposing counsel. Opposing counsel shall immediately notify the court of any objection to the contents of the revised order. The court will either approve one of the orders submitted with notice to counsel, enter the court's own order with respect to the underlying ruling, schedule a chambers conference, or set the matter for hearing.

If the court does not receive notice of any objection to any proposed order, or to any revised order submitted in accordance with this rule, the order will be presumed correct and will be entered unless amended by the court.

RULE 7. FORM ORDERS.

Section 7.01. Arraignment and Scheduling Order: At arraignment, the court will enter an Arraignment and Scheduling Order in the form set out as **Appendix J**. Defense counsel shall make their elections with respect to discovery and in-person arraignment prior to the court signing the completed Arraignment and Scheduling Order.

Section 7.02. Transportation Order: Defense counsel may elect to use the form Transportation Order set out as **Appendix K**. The deadlines set forth in the suggested Transportation Order shall be observed whether or not the form is used.

Section 7.03. Waiver of Arraignment: Defendants and defense counsel may, in writing, waive in-person arraignment, provided that they complete and execute a written waiver in the form set out in **Appendix J**.

RULE 8. SUSPENSION OF RULES.

Whenever the court determines that justice requires it, the court may suspend any of the foregoing local rules.

ORDER

The foregoing Local Rules of Practice applicable in the Circuit, Chancery and Criminal Courts of Williamson County within the Twenty-First Judicial District. All standing orders not incorporated in these rules are declared invalid and shall have not effect.

Adopted and effective as of the 1ST day of December, 2014.



JOSEPH A. WOODRUFF
JUDGE, DIVISION I
21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT



JAMES G. MARTIN, III
JUDGE, DIVISION II
21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT



MICHAEL W. BINKLEY
JUDGE, DIVISION III
21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT



DEANNA B. JOHNSON
JUDGE, DIVISION IV
21st JUDICIAL DISTRICT

APPENDIX A

The Court hereby requests the parties file chambers' copies the Motion for Partial Summary Judgment as well as any and all supporting memoranda of law in accordance with Section 5.05, Local Rules of Practice for the 21st Judicial District.

Any party seeking relief from the foregoing hearing date and briefing scheduled shall do so by timely written motion.

The parties may not alter or amend this Order upon their agreement absent Court approval.

This matter is not currently scheduled for trial.

All other matters are reserved.

ENTERED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

**[insert appropriate Judge's name here]
Circuit Court Judge/Chancellor**

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify a true and exact copy of the foregoing Notice of Hearing was mailed, postage prepaid, and/or emailed, and/or faxed, to:

[insert all counsel of record (or party if *pro se*)'s full name, address, fax number and/or email address for proper service]

This the ____ day of _____, 20__.

Circuit Court Clerk/Clerk & Master
[choose appropriate clerk]

APPENDIX B

IN THE _____ COURT FOR _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

_____)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
VS.)	No. _____
)	
_____)	
)	
Defendant.)	

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

Comes now (Name of Party), the (Plaintiff/Defendant), who would show to the Court as follows:

REGULAR INCOME:

A.	1.	Gross Wages and commission:	Weekly _____	
		Twice Monthly _____	Monthly _____	\$ _____
	2.	Deductions each pay period:	Fed. Tax _____	
		FICA _____;	Other _____	- _____
	3.	Net take-home earnings on a _____ basis		\$ _____
B.		Other income (from any source)		\$ _____
		NET TAKE-HOME _____	TOTAL \$ _____	(Weekly/Monthly)

He/she submits the following as an estimate of the necessary monthly expenses for support of him/herself (and children where applicable):

A.	General Expenses:	
1.	Rent or mortgage, including taxes and insurance	\$ _____
2.	Utilities: Water _____; Gas _____	
	Elec. _____; Tel. _____	
	TOTAL UTILITIES	\$ _____
3.	Car Operation (gas, oil, repair, ins.)	\$ _____
4.	Insurance (life and other)	\$ _____
5.	Installment contracts and monthly payments:	
	Personal loans _____; Auto _____	
	Household _____; Other _____	
	TOTAL INSTALLMENTS CONTRACTS	\$ _____
	GENERAL EXPENSE TOTAL	\$ _____

B.	Other Expenses (monthly):	<u>Myself</u>	<u>Children</u>	
1.	Food	_____	_____	
2.	Clothing	_____	_____	
3.	Medical, Dental & Drugs	_____	_____	
4.	Laundry & Cleaning	_____	_____	
5.	Recreation (specify)	_____	_____	
6.	School expenses	_____	_____	
7.	Babysitting/Other Child Care	_____	_____	
8.	Beauty or Barber Shop	_____	_____	
9.	Other (specify)	_____	_____	
10.	Other _____	_____	_____	
11.	Other _____	_____	_____	
	Subtotals	\$ _____	\$ _____	
	TOTAL	\$ _____	EXPENSE	\$ _____
				(Weekly/Monthly)

NET INCOME LESS EXPENSES \$ _____

I need \$ _____ (Weekly/Monthly)

Under penalty of perjury, I make oath that the information set forth above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

This the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Plaintiff/Defendant

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing has been furnished, to _____ (attorney for the Plaintiff/Defendant), on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Attorney

APPENDIX C

**IN THE CIRCUIT / CHANCERY [choose appropriate court] COURT FOR THE 21ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
AT WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

_____)	
Plaintiff/Petitioner)	
)	
V.)	No. _____
)	
_____)	
Defendant/Respondent.)	

**MOTION FOR TRANSFER TO
COMPLEX COMMERCIAL DISPUTE DOCKET**

_____ (party), hereby moves pursuant to Local Rule 9.04(d)(1) for transfer of this case to the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket. This case is eligible for such transfer for the following reasons (specifically identify eligibility criteria set out in Local Rule 9.04(c) upon which movant relies):

- _____ (1) **The amount in controversy based upon the pleadings is at least \$200,000 or the action asserts claims seeking primarily injunctive or declaratory relief; and**

- _____ (2) **The case meets one or more of the following criteria:**
 - _____ (i) Relates to the internal governance affairs of a business entity (i.e., corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships REITs, and other associations of persons formed for the purpose of conducting business) including, without limitation, (A) resolution of governance deadlock; (B) judicial dissolution of the entity; (C) declaration of the rights or obligations between those holding ownership interests such as shareholders, partners, and/or members, however denominated, and/or (D) the liability or indemnity of officers, directors, managers, trustees, or partners.

 - _____ (ii) Involves claims for breach of contract, fraud, misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty or statutory violations between businesses arising out of business transactions or relationships.

 - _____ (iii) Is a shareholder derivative action or an action brought pursuant to the Tennessee Securities Act.

- _____ (iv) Involves commercial real property disputes other than (A) claims subject to arbitrations and (B) residential landlord-tenant disputes and foreclosures.
- _____ (v) Involves business claims between or among two or more business entities or individuals as to their business or investment activities relating to contracts, transactions, or relationships between or among them.
- _____ (vi) Arises from technology licensing agreements, including software and biotechnology licensing agreements, or any agreement involving the licensing of any intellectual property right recognized by Tennessee law.

_____ **(3) The following cases are excluded from the Complex Commercial Dispute Docket:**

- _____ (i) Personal injury including wrongful death.
- _____ (ii) Professional malpractice claims, except where incidental to claims arising out of or related to professional services rendered to a business enterprise and otherwise qualifying pursuant to section 9.04(c) (1) and (2) of these Local Rules.
- _____ (iii) Consumer transactions, residential landlord-tenant disputes and residential foreclosure actions.
- _____ (iv) Employment disputes except where incidental to matters otherwise qualifying pursuant to Section 9.04(c) (1) and (2) of these Local Rules.
- _____ (v) Health care liability actions.
- _____ (vi) A professional fee dispute except where incidental to matters otherwise qualifying pursuant to Section 9.04(c) (1) and (2) of these Local Rules.
- _____ (vii) Cases in which the state of Tennessee is a party.
- _____ (viii) Administrative appeals from a State, Country or other government agency including tax, zoning and land use matters.

Pursuant to Local Rule 5.03, this motion is set to be heard on the court's civil motion docket on

_____ (date).

Respectfully submitted,

APPENDIX D

IN THE CIRCUIT/CHANCERY [choose appropriate court] COURT FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY,
TENNESSEE
AT FRANKLIN

JOHN DOE,)
)
 Plaintiff/Petitioner,)
)
 v.) No. _____
)
 JANE DOE,)
)
 Defendant/Respondent.)

**ORDER TO APPEAR PURSUANT TO RULE 42 OF THE TENNESSEE RULES OF CRIMINAL
PROCEDURE**

Respondent/Defendant, _____, is hereby ordered to appear before the Court on _____, at which time the Court will conduct proceedings required in connection with these criminal contempt proceedings including but not limited to:

- a. Setting the time and place for the hearing;
- b. Allowing a reasonable time to prepare a defense; and
- c. State the essential facts constituting the criminal contempt charged and describe it as such.

Accordingly, **IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED.**

ENTERED this the _____ day of _____, 20__.

[insert appropriate Judge's name here]
Circuit Court Judge/Chancellor

THIS ORDER SHALL BE SERVED WITH THE PETITION AND SERVICE OF SAME SHALL BE NOTED ON THE SUMMONS.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing Order was mailed, postage prepaid, to Plaintiff/Petitioner and Plaintiff/Petitioner's Counsel, if applicable.

this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Circuit Court Clerk/Clerk & Master
[choose appropriate clerk]

APPENDIX E

**IN THE CIRCUIT/CHANCERY [choose appropriate court] COURT FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY,
TENNESSEE
AT FRANKLIN**

JOHN DOE,)	
)	
Plaintiff/Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	No. _____
)	
JANE DOE,)	
)	
Defendant/Respondent.)	

ORDER

This matter was before the Court on the ___ day of _____, 20__, pursuant to Order of the Court requiring the Defendant/Respondent to appear pursuant to Rule 42 of the Tennessee Rules of Criminal Procedure. During the course of the proceedings, the Court addressed the Defendant/Respondent and advised the Defendant/Respondent:

1. That he/she is being charged with criminal contempt;
2. That a finding of criminal contempt could result in incarceration for up to ten (10) days and/or a fine of \$50.00, or both, for each act constituting criminal contempt;
3. That the Defendant/Respondent is entitled to be represented by counsel and if he/she cannot afford counsel, the Court will appoint counsel to represent him/her;
4. That the Plaintiff/Petitioner must prove the guilt of the Defendant/Respondent beyond a reasonable doubt;
5. That the Defendant/Respondent cannot be compelled or forced to testify and if he/she elects not to testify, the Court will not hold it against him because he/she is exercising his/her constitutional right against self-incrimination;
6. That all civil proceedings between the parties which might reasonably require the Defendant/Respondent to produce documents, things, and/or testimony relevant to these

criminal contempt proceedings are stayed pending conclusion of these criminal contempt proceedings;

7. That the trial of the criminal contempt proceeding shall be, and is hereby, set for the ____ day of _____, 20__, at ___ a.m./p.m.

The Court reviewed with the Defendant/Respondent the essential facts constituting the criminal contempt charged and described it as such.

In setting the case for trial, the Court afforded the Defendant/Respondent a reasonable time to prepare a defense.

Accordingly, **IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED.**

ENTERED this the _____ day of _____, 20__.

[insert appropriate Judge's name here]
Circuit Court Judge/Chancellor

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing Order was mailed, postage prepaid, to Plaintiff/Petitioner and Plaintiff/Petitioner's Counsel, if applicable.

this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Circuit Court Clerk/Clerk & Master
[choose appropriate clerk]

APPENDIX F

**IN THE CIRCUIT/CHANCERY [choose appropriate court] COURT FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY,
TENNESSEE
AT FRANKLIN**

***)
)
VS.) **CASE NO.**
)
***)

**WAIVER OF APPEARANCE PURSUANT TO COURT'S ORDER UNDER
RULE 42 OF THE TENNESSEE RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

Respondent/Defendant, _____, hereby waives his/her appearance ordered by the Court on _____; and certifies to the Court that he/she understands the essential facts constituting criminal contempt charged. Further, Defendant/Respondent represents to the Court that he/she understands that:

1. he/she is being charged with criminal contempt;
2. he/she has been advised that a finding of criminal contempt could result in incarceration of up to ten (10) days and/or a fine of up to \$50, or both, for each act constituting criminal contempt;
3. he/she is entitled to be represented by counsel and if he/she cannot afford counsel, the Court will appoint counsel to represent him/her;
4. he/she understands that the Plaintiff/Petitioner must prove his/her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt; and
5. he/she understands that he/she cannot be compelled or forced to testify and that if he/she elects not to testify, the Court will not hold it against him/her because he/she is exercising his/her constitutional right against self-incrimination.

____ I acknowledge that the pending charge of criminal contempt is set to be tried at _____, o'clock, __.m. on the _____ day of _____, 20__, and represents to the Court that setting the trial on that day affords me time to prepare a defense.

or

____ I acknowledge that my counsel of record will, within twenty one (21) days of the date this waiver is executed, meet and confer with opposing counsel for the purpose of submitting a scheduling order providing for the orderly management of this charge of contempt, which scheduling order shall include a date for trial.

Defendant/Respondent

Date

Counsel for Defendant/Respondent

Date

[insert appropriate Judge's name here]
Circuit Court Judge/Chancellor

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing has been forwarded via United States mail, first class postage prepaid, email or facsimile to:

This the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Circuit Court Clerk/Clerk & Master
[choose appropriate clerk]

APPENDIX G
(Pursuant to T.C.A. 36-6-403)

STATE OF TENNESSEE	COURT <i>(Must be completed)</i>	COUNTY <i>(Must be completed)</i>
TEMPORARY PARENTING PLAN ORDER PROPOSED AGREED ORDERED BY THE COURT		FILE No. _____ <i>(Must be completed)</i>
		DIVISION _____
PLAINTIFF <i>(Name: First, Middle, Last)</i> _____		DEFENDANT <i>(Name: First, Middle, Last)</i> _____
Mother Father		Mother Father

The mother and father will behave with each other and each child so as to provide a loving, stable, consistent and nurturing relationship with the child even though they are divorced. They will not speak badly of each other or the members of the family of the other parent. They will encourage each child to continue to love the other parent and be comfortable in both families.

This plan _____ is a new plan.
_____ modifies an existing Parenting Plan dated _____.
_____ modifies an existing Order dated _____.

Child's Name	Date of Birth

I. RESIDENTIAL PARENTING SCHEDULE

A. RESIDENTIAL TIME WITH EACH PARENT

The Primary Residential Parent is _____

Under the schedule set forth below, each parent will spend the following number of days with the children:

Mother _____ days Father _____ days

B. DAY-TO-DAY SCHEDULE

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Day and Time Day and Time

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Day and Time Day and Time

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Day and Time

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Indicate if child or children will be with parent in ODD or EVEN numbered years or EVERY year:

	MOTHER	FATHER
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Martin Luther King Day	_____	_____
Presidents' Day	_____	_____
Easter Day (unless otherwise coinciding with Spring Vacation)	_____	_____
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Memorial Day (if no school)	_____	_____
Father's Day	_____	_____
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Father's gross monthly income is \$ _____

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A Wage Assignment Order is attached to this Parenting Plan.

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The mother father may claim the exemptions for the child or children so long as child support payments are current by the claiming parent on January 15 of the year when the return is due. The exemptions may be claimed in: alternate years starting _____
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 - (5) Unless otherwise provided by law, the right to receive copies of the child's medical, health or other treatment records directly from the treating physician or healthcare provider. Upon request from one parent, the parent who has arranged for such treatment or health care shall provide to the other parent the name, address, telephone number and other contact information of the physician or healthcare provider. The keeper of the records may require a written request including a current mailing address and may further require payment of the reasonable costs of duplicating such records. No person who receives the mailing address of a requesting parent as a result of this requirement shall provide such address to the other parent or a third person;
 - (6) The right to be free of unwarranted derogatory remarks made about such parent or such parent's family by the other parent to or in the presence of the child;
 - (7) The right to be given at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice, whenever possible, of all extracurricular school, athletic, church activities and other activities as to which parental participation or observation would be appropriate, and the opportunity to participate in or observe them. The parent who has enrolled the child in each such activity shall advise the other parent of the activity and provide contact information for the person responsible for its scheduling so that the other parent may make arrangements to participate or observe whenever possible, unless otherwise provided by law or court order;
 - (8) The right to receive from the other parent, in the event the other parent leaves the state with the minor child or children for more than forty-eight (48) hours, an itinerary which shall include the planned dates of departure and return, the intended destinations and mode of travel and telephone numbers. The parent traveling with the child or children shall provide this information to the other parent so as to give that parent reasonable notice; and
 - (9) The right to access and participation in the child's education on the same bases that are provided to all parents including the right of access to the child during lunch and other school activities; provided, that the participation or access is legal and reasonable; however, access must not interfere with the school's day-to-day operations or with the child's educational schedule.

VII. NOTICE REGARDING PARENTAL RELOCATION

The Tennessee statute (T.C.A. § 36-6-108) which governs the notice to be given in connection with the relocation of a parent reads in pertinent part as follows:

After custody or co-parenting has been established by the entry of a permanent parenting plan or final order, if a parent who is spending intervals of time with a child desires to relocate outside the state or more than fifty (50) miles from the other parent within the state, the relocating parent shall send a notice to the other parent at the other parent’s last known address by registered or certified mail. Unless excused by the court for exigent circumstances, the notice shall be mailed not later than sixty (60) days prior to the move. The notice shall contain the following:

- (1) Statement of intent to move;
- (2) Location of proposed new residence;
- (3) Reasons for proposed relocation; and
- (4) Statement that the other parent may file a petition in opposition to the move within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice.

VIII. PARENT EDUCATION CLASS

This requirement has been fulfilled by both parents mother father neither. Failure to attend the parent education class within 60 days of this order is punishable by contempt.

Under penalty of perjury, we declare that this plan has been proposed in good faith and is in the best interest of each minor child and that the statements herein and on the attached child support worksheets are true and correct. *(A notary public is required if this is a proposed plan by one parent. A notary public is required if this is an agreed plan by both parents.)*

Mother

Date and Place Signed

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

My commission expires: _____
Notary Public

Father

Date and Place Signed

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

My commission expires: _____
Notary Public

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

Attorney for Mother

Attorney for Father

Address

Address

Address

Address

Phone and BPR Number

Phone and BPR Number

Note: The judge or chancellor may sign below or, instead, sign a Final Decree or a separate Order incorporating this plan.

COURT COSTS (If applicable)

Court costs, if any, are taxed as follows: _____.

It is so ORDERED this the _____ day of _____, _____.

Judge or Chancellor

APPENDIX H

(Pursuant to T.C.A. 36-6-404(d) and

<http://www.tsc.state.tn.us/geninfo/Programs/Parenting/PPPOrder.htm>)

STATE OF TENNESSEE	COURT <i>(Must be completed)</i>	COUNTY <i>(Must be completed)</i>
PERMANENT PARENTING PLAN ORDER PROPOSED AGREED ORDERED BY THE COURT		FILE No. _____ <i>(Must be completed)</i>
		DIVISION _____
PLAINTIFF <i>(Name: First, Middle, Last)</i> _____		DEFENDANT <i>(Name: First, Middle, Last)</i> _____
Mother Father		Mother Father

The mother and father will behave with each other and each child so as to provide a loving, stable, consistent and nurturing relationship with the child even though they are divorced. They will not speak badly of each other or the members of the family of the other parent. They will encourage each child to continue to love the other parent and be comfortable in both families.

This plan _____ is a new plan.
_____ modifies an existing Parenting Plan dated _____.
_____ modifies an existing Order dated _____.

Child's Name	Date of Birth

I. RESIDENTIAL PARENTING SCHEDULE

A. RESIDENTIAL TIME WITH EACH PARENT

The Primary Residential Parent is _____

Under the schedule set forth below, each parent will spend the following number of days with the children:

Mother _____ days Father _____ days

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VII. NOTICE REGARDING PARENTAL RELOCATION

The Tennessee statute (T.C.A. § 36-6-108) which governs the notice to be given in connection with the relocation of a parent reads in pertinent part as follows:

After custody or co-parenting has been established by the entry of a permanent parenting plan or final order, if a parent who is spending intervals of time with a child desires to relocate outside the state or more than fifty (50) miles from the other parent within the state, the relocating parent shall send a notice to the other parent at the other parent’s last known address by registered or certified mail. Unless excused by the court for exigent circumstances, the notice shall be mailed not later than sixty (60) days prior to the move. The notice shall contain the following:

- (1) Statement of intent to move;
- (2) Location of proposed new residence;
- (3) Reasons for proposed relocation; and
- (4) Statement that the other parent may file a petition in opposition to the move within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notice.

VIII. PARENT EDUCATION CLASS

This requirement has been fulfilled by both parents mother father neither. Failure to attend the parent education class within 60 days of this order is punishable by contempt.

Under penalty of perjury, we declare that this plan has been proposed in good faith and is in the best interest of each minor child and that the statements herein and on the attached child support worksheets are true and correct. (A notary public is required if this is a proposed plan by one parent. A notary public is required if this is an agreed plan by both parents.)

Mother

Date and Place Signed

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

My commission expires: _____
Notary Public

Father

Date and Place Signed

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

My commission expires: _____
Notary Public

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

Attorney for Mother

Attorney for Father

Address

Address

Address

Address

Phone and BPR Number

Phone and BPR Number

Note: The judge or chancellor may sign below or, instead, sign a Final Decree or a separate Order incorporating this plan.

COURT COSTS (If applicable)

Court costs, if any, are taxed as follows: _____.

It is so ORDERED this the _____ day of _____, _____.

Judge or Chancellor

APPENDIX I

IN THE _____ COURT OF _____ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

_____,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) No. _____)
_____,)
Defendant.)

STATEMENT OF ISSUES, INCOME, PROPERTY AND EXPENSES

ISSUES: The contested issues in this cause include:

_____ grounds for divorce
_____ care of child(ran)
_____ attorney's fees
_____ court costs
_____ payment of debts
_____ division of property
_____ alimony
_____ child support
_____ other: _____

REGULAR INCOME:

A. 1. Gross Wages and commission: Weekly _____
Twice Monthly _____ Monthly _____ \$ _____
2. Deductions each pay period: Fed. Tax _____
FICA _____; Other _____ - _____
3. Net take-home earnings on a _____ basis \$ _____
B. Other income (from any source) \$ _____
NET TAKE HOME _____ TOTAL \$ _____
(Weekly/Monthly)

PROPOSED DIVISION OF MARITAL PROPERTY

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Value/Equity</u>	<u>Awarded to Husband</u>	<u>Awarded to Wife</u>
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Real Estate

Description:
Titled:
FMV:
Debt:

Bank Accounts/Liquid Asset Accounts

Bank:
Owner:
Acct. #:
Balance:

Stocks/Mutual Funds/Other Securities

Description:
Market price:

Retirement

Description:
Owner:
Acct. #:
Balance:

Insurance

Description:
Policy #:
Face Value:
Insured:
Beneficiary:
CSV:

Assets Value/Equity Awarded to Husband Awarded to Wife

Vehicles

Make/Model/Year:

Titled:

FMV:

Debt:

Furniture

Miscellaneous

SEPARATE PROPERTY TO HUSBAND

Description Value

SEPARATE PROPERTY TO WIFE

Description Value

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing has been furnished to _____ (attorney for the Plaintiff/Defendant) on this the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Attorney

APPENDIX J

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AT FRANKLIN**

STATE OF TENNESSEE

v.

_____,
Defendant.

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)
)

No. _____

**MOTION FOR WAIVER OF ARRAIGNMENT
AND
SCHEDULING ORDER**

I am _____, the Defendant in this case and my attorney is _____ . My date of birth is _____. The last four digits of my Social Security Number are: _____. I hereby acknowledge receipt of:

1. The indictment in this case and waive my right to have it read to me in open Court.
2. Notice and advice from my attorney that I may appear in open Court for arraignment.
3. Notice and advice from my attorney that I may waive formal arraignment.
4. That my REVIEW DATE is _____ at 9:00 a.m. and my PLEA DATE is _____ at 9:00 a.m.

I hereby request to be allowed to waive my personal appearance at arraignment and that of my attorney at arraignment and I further request the Court to enter my plea of not guilty. I acknowledge that my REVIEW DATE is _____ at 9:00 a.m. and that my PLEA DATE is _____ at 9:00 a.m., and I certify that I will appear.

I respectfully submit this Motion pursuant to Rule 43(a) of the Tennessee Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Date

Defendant

ATTORNEY CERTIFICATE

As attorney for the Defendant named above, I certify that I am retained to represent the Defendant throughout the trial of this cause and that I have not signed my client's signature to this Motion. I also certify that my client is aware of all court dates and that he/she must be present at all court dates.

- The Defendant hereby requests discovery from the State of Tennessee of all information subject to disclosure pursuant to Rule 16(a) of the Tennessee Rules of Criminal Procedure. This scheduling order serves as written notice of said formal demand. Agreeing to this provision does not preclude either party from serving written discovery requests at a later time if the party deems it necessary.

Date

Attorney for Defendant

ORDER

Defendant's Motion in this cause is hereby approved by the Court. A plea of NOT GUILTY is entered for the Defendant.

Further, the Court hereby sets the following Scheduling Order:

- Initial Discovery Deadline for the State (check one):
 - All misdemeanors within 30 days of arraignment
 - Class B, C, D and E felonies within 45 days of arraignment
 - Class A felonies within 60 days of arraignment
 - _____

- First Review/Status Date:* _____
Plea Date:** _____

If no plea agreement is entered on or before the plea date above, the case will be docketed for trial, unless an amended scheduling order is filed and agreed to by the Court. Local Criminal Rule 4 shall apply to all requests for continuance of trial.

- Transportation Requests for Defendants in Custody:

Defense counsel has sole responsibility for notifying the Clerk's office of the location of a Defendant who is in custody, including specifically any changes in Defendant's location, and for timely requesting, through the Clerk's office, the issuance of appropriate transportation orders.

Defense counsel shall make all requests for transportation of Defendants in custody in writing through the Circuit Clerk's office sufficiently in advance of all required court dates as follows:

- (a) For Defendants in the custody of the County Sheriff, not less than 14 days prior to the appearance date;

(b) For Defendants in the custody of the Tennessee Department of Corrections not less than 45 days prior to the appearance date.

ENTER this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing Order was mailed, postage prepaid, and/or emailed and/or faxed to:

District Attorney

Defense Attorney/Defendant

this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Clerk

* Absent exceptional circumstances, all misdemeanors should be set within 60 days of arraignment. Class B, C, D and E felonies should be set within 90 days of arraignment. Class A felonies should be set within 120 days of arraignment.
**The State and the Defendant may, by agreement, enter a negotiated plea agreement on any regularly-scheduled motion date prior to date set for trial.

APPENDIX K

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

AT FRANKLIN

STATE OF TENNESSEE

v.

Defendant.

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No. _____

TRANSPORTATION ORDER

The sheriff of the above referenced county shall transport the defendant to the two referenced review dates in this order. They are the following:

1st Review: _____

Plea Date: _____

The defendant is currently housed at _____.

TOMIS # _____.

Notice is hereby served on the Clerk of the court and the sheriff to comply with this said transportation order.

ENTERED this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Circuit Court Judge

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and exact copy of the foregoing Transportation Order has been forwarded, via postage pre-paid mail, and/or fax, and/or email, to _____, Attorney for Defendant, and District Attorney General, Kim R. Helper, Esq., on the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Circuit Court Clerk