

**AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTATIONS TO
THE GENERAL RULES FOR DOMESTIC ACTIONS**

On 10 December 2024 the District Courts of Judicial District 42 adopted, as Local Rules, “GENERAL RULES FOR DOMESTIC ACTIONS”. The GENERAL RULES FOR DOMESTIC ACTIONS are hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

1. The fourth paragraph of **RULE 7, CALENDARING AND SETTING FOR HEARING/TRIAL**, is deleted and replaced by the following:

The “Fam” Date, as designated on the Local Administrative Schedule, is a scheduling day for all Domestic Claims appearing on the related Family Court Calendar. The specific date and time for a proceeding to begin shall be set by the Assigned Judge. The specific date and time will be set at the conclusion of the call of the Family Court Calendar on the “Fam” Date. The means, method, date, and time of the call of the Family Court Calendar shall be set by the Assigned Judge. Failure of one or more Parties and/or their attorney(s) of record to be present at the call of the Family Court Calendar on the “Fam” Date will not prevent the Domestic Claim(s) at issue, as reflected on the Family Court Calendar, from being set at a specific date and time for Hearing.

2. The first paragraph of **RULE 9, NOTICE OF HEARING BY A PARTY**, is deleted and replaced by the following:

Any Unrepresented Party and/or attorney of record may notice a motion, a Domestic Claim, and/or other proceeding involved in a Domestic Action onto a Family Court Calendar for disposition. The notice shall be filed and served at least ten days before the “Fam Date, except as otherwise provided by law, be noticed before the Assigned Judge in Family Court (not Civil Court or ACH) and be noticed for the “Fam” Date. The provisions of Rule 7 shall govern regarding the specific date and time the Domestic Claim(s) at issue will be set for Hearing.

3. The following is inserted after the heading of **RULE 15, FILING AND SERVICE OF COURT ORDERS AND/OR JUDGMENTS OF THE COURT** and before the first paragraph:

It has long been the custom and policy of the District Courts of Judicial District 42 that upon being noticed and/or ordered to appear in Court for a particular term all Unrepresented Parties and attorneys of record are responsible for and required: (i) to routinely review their particular case file; (ii) to have knowledge of and be aware of all filings and upcoming hearing dates; and (iii) to obtain copies of all orders and/or judgments of the Court. Unless otherwise ordered by the Assigned Judge, all routine orders and/or judgments (including, but not limited to, continuance orders, scheduling orders issued subsequent to the Initial Scheduling Order, and AOC Form 108 orders) issued during a particular term will be placed in the online file of the Odyssey E-Filing System within three business days after the adjournment of the term. It is the responsibility of Unrepresented Parties and attorneys of record to obtain copies of routine orders and/or judgments **AS**

THEY WILL NOT BE SERVED BY THE COURT. However, Unrepresented Parties and attorneys of record are deemed to have been served upon the filing of the order and/or judgment and such order/judgment shall be enforceable by the Court.

If an order and/or judgment is signed by the Assigned Judge, then it becomes effective upon filing by the Clerk of Court. However, to comply with Federal Law, after the filing of an order and/or judgment the Clerk of Court must conduct a review and redaction before placing it on the Odyssey E-Filing System Portal. This process results in a delay of the order and/or judgment being available on the Odyssey E-Filing System Portal. During the period of this delay, Unrepresented Parties and attorneys of record may view and/or obtain a copy of the order and/or judgment directly from the Office of the Clerk of Court.

The foregoing amendments and supplementations supersede, govern, and control over the GENERAL RULES FOR DOMESTIC ACTIONS to which they apply.

If a conflict exists between any of the foregoing amendments and supplementations and any GENERAL RULES FOR DOMESTIC ACTIONS, then the amendments and supplementations shall govern and control.

Except as specifically amended and/or supplemented herein, the GENERAL RULES FOR DOMESTIC ACTIONS remain in full force and effect.

THESE AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTATIONS TO THE GENERAL RULES FOR DOMESTIC ACTIONS ARE HEREBY ADOPTED, THIS THE 31st DAY OF December 2024.


CHIEF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE