

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
FRANKLIN CIRCUIT COURT  
FAMILY COURT  
MISCELANEOUS ORDER NO. 20-MISC-171

ENTERED  
MAY 28 2020  
FRANKLIN CIRCUIT COURT  
AMY FELDMAN, CLERK

ORDER PERTAINING TO MOTIONS IN FAMILY COURT (MOTION HOUR)

Due to the ongoing restrictions on in-person court appearances, traditional motion hour in Family Court will not be held. Parties may file motions and responses for the court's review and issuance of temporary orders, or setting for hearing if necessary.

Unless a hearing is specifically requested in writing by either party, or deemed necessary by the court, all motions shall be taken under submission for ruling once the parties have filed their pleadings.

Please file motions with notice to be heard at the convenience of the court. You must include in the Motion a statement certifying that a good-faith effort has been made to resolve all issues prior to the motion being filed.

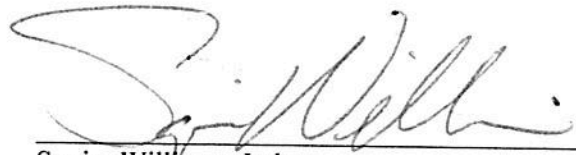
Responses must be filed no later than seven (7) days after service of the motion on the responding party, as calculated in accordance with the civil rules.

Skype for Business and Zoom have been provided to the courts for purposes of holding hearings remotely.

Please follow the guidelines below to ensure that we are following proper social distancing protocols and Orders.

1. Please include in your motion your telephone number and email address, and that of opposing counsel or party if not represented.
2. Should a hearing be necessary, counsel/unrepresented parties will be contacted by Family Court staff to set up a date and time for hearing via either Skype or Zoom.
3. The court may conduct a conference call prior to setting a hearing.
4. Once the hearing is set, Family Court staff will send out a Skype or Zoom invitation to counsel/unrepresented parties that will include a link for the specific hearing. Counsel is responsible for sending the link to their clients so that they can join remotely.
5. Any proposed hearing exhibits must be emailed or otherwise submitted to Family Court staff and to opposing counsel/unrepresented parties at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Exhibits will be considered by the court and entered into the record at the hearing if appropriate under the rules of evidence. If exhibits are not distributed as described above, they will not be considered by the court or allowed into the record.
6. Witnesses must appear remotely if not impossible. Counsel/unrepresented parties who wish for the witness to testify must submit the witness' telephone number and email address to Family Court staff at least 24 hours prior to the hearing so that an invitation to join the hearing can be generated for the witness.
7. In-court appearances shall occur only upon court determination that it is impossible to conduct the hearing, or any part of the hearing, remotely, and that doing so will not unreasonably frustrate social distancing.

Done this 28 day of May, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Squire Williams". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Squire Williams, Judge  
Franklin Family Court