

**FIFTH AMENDED PREFERENCES  
CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION 1**

Pursuant to the most recent Order of the Tennessee Supreme Court re: Covid-19 which still encourages remote hearings, but leaves it to the discretion of the Court, the Court will implement the following procedures and allow the attorneys and parties to select their preference when hearing matters, keeping in mind that the Delta variant is increasing and we want everyone to be and feel safe during a Court proceeding. The Court will try to accommodate attorneys, parties, experts and witnesses, who for various reasons, do not yet feel comfortable attending in-person proceedings.

**NOTE:** Please keep in mind, notwithstanding these procedures, the Court will be flexible and work around the schedules and needs of the attorneys and parties on all matters. The Court recognizes it is difficult to appear on multiple zoom matters just like it is appearing in multiple courtrooms at the same time. Please just notify the Court if you will be delayed or need to reset your matter. If you need to speak with the Judge outside of the time for announcements, please request a telephonic status conference and Bryant Bailey will schedule it. If time is of the essence, please let him know. The Judge is only an email or phone call away.

**ZOOM LINK LOGIN FOR ALL HEARING AND CASES:** Division 1 will begin using one Zoom Login ID and passcode for all cases except cases under seal. Therefore, please use this new login link when appearing via Zoom for announcements, status conferences, motions, hearings, trials, etc.

Meeting ID: 160 220 4895  
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**ORDERS** – Attorneys or parties may submit orders in person in the courtroom at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or continue to submit orders via email to Division 1 or place them in the orders to be entered box in Room 208.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** -The Court will take announcements at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday in person in the courtroom or via Zoom, whichever is preferred by the attorneys and parties.

**STATUS CONFERENCES** - All status conferences will be via Zoom unless an in person conference in the courtroom is requested by the attorneys or parties. You contact Bryant Bailey to schedule a status conference or file a motion if you prefer. The Court will continue to set status conferences as needed via green card, email or letter.

**MOTIONS - NON-DISPOSITIVE & DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS**

All motions will be set via the online system. All motions will be heard on Fridays at 9:00 a.m. as we did pre Covid. Please be sure to check exclusion dates. However, the party filing the motion will have a choice of having the motion heard in person in the courtroom, via Zoom or on-brief without oral argument on Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Please note on the first page of your motion under the Docket Number whether you want the motion heard in person in the courtroom, via Zoom or on brief without oral argument. Any disagreements can be addressed during announcements. If a motion is heard on brief, the Court will post its ruling in the Case Docket Report which is available online. An order should be presented to the Court for entry within seven days per local rules. If there are any questions, please speak with Bryant Bailey or address the Court during announcements at 10:00 a.m. or 2 p.m. each day. The Court will continue to specially set any motion upon the request of the attorneys or parties.

**UNCONTESTED DIVORCES (Irreconcilable Differences and Default Judgment)**

All uncontested divorces shall be set via the online system. Please check exclusions dates. Irreconcilable Difference divorces and default judgments, with and without children, will be conducted every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. as we did pre Covid. All divorces will be either in person in the courtroom, via Zoom or on Plaintiff's Affidavit or Interrogatories, which is preferred by the attorneys or parties. The party setting the divorce should notify the Court and opposing side via email or otherwise if the divorce will be heard in person, via Zoom or on Plaintiff's Affidavit or Interrogatories.

**ORDERS OF PROTECTION, EMERGENCY CHILD CUSTODY MATTERS, D&N, CONTEMPT, INJUNCTIVE RELIEF & TROs**

All such hearings will be conducted in person in the Courtroom or via Zoom. The parties should advise the Court of their preference when obtaining a hearing date from the Clerk or Judge.

**OTHER PETITIONS (DOMESTIC & NON-DOMESTIC) MINOR SETTLEMENTS, WRITS OF INQUIRY & ALL OTHER HEARINGS**

All such hearings will be conducted in person in the Courtroom or via Zoom. The parties should advise the Court of their preference when obtaining a hearing date from the Clerk or Judge.

## **JURY & BENCH TRIALS**

All jury and bench trials scheduled as of now will proceed as scheduled. If the attorneys or parties need a continuance, the attorneys or parties may address the Court any day during announcements or file a motion. Please notify the Court timely so that those dates can be made available for other cases. For bench trials, the parties will have the option of having their matter heard in person or via Zoom, whichever they prefer. All jury trials will be in person. The Court will continue to set bench and jury trials via green card, but any attorney or party requesting a trial date before receiving a green card, may address during announcements or file a motion.

**Please continue to stay safe and take care yourselves and your loved ones.**

**Judge Felicia Corbin Johnson**