

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

STANDING ORDER on  
PROCEDURES IN CERTAIN  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

July 13, 2021

STANDING ORDER ON UNCONTESTED DIVORCES,  
PETITIONS FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDERS  
and SEMINAR FOR DIVORCING PARENTS

By Memorandum dated May 13, 2020, the judges of this Court set forth procedures for handling of uncontested divorces and petitions for temporary protective order. Although these procedures were put in place due to the judicial emergencies related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Memorandum expressly states that these procedures remain in place "until further notice."

By Order of May 8, 2020, the judges of this Court also entered an "Order on Divorcing Parents Seminar." That Order superseded, in part, a previous Standing Order of the Court, and was not directly related to any judicial emergency order.

For the benefit of and clarification for all interested parties, the Court hereby reaffirms said Memorandum and Order, as follows.

UNCONTESTED DIVORCES

Uncontested divorces, whether the parties are represented by counsel or are self-represented, and including those involving minor children, may be submitted by motions for judgment on the pleadings, to be considered by the assigned judge.

PETITIONS FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER

All petitions for temporary protective order shall be heard by the assigned judge. Upon receipt of such, the Clerk of Court shall notify the assigned judge's staff and the Court Administrator's office. The Clerk shall forward any proposed Order to the assigned judge's electronic filing queue, absent further instruction from the assigned judge.


Requests for ex parte relief shall be considered by the assigned judge electronically, without the need for the petitioner being physically present in the Justice Center. Petitioners shall be available by telephone should the assigned judge wish to hear any evidence prior to the entry of an order. Should the petition be set for further hearing, it shall be set on a calendar to be heard by the assigned judge.

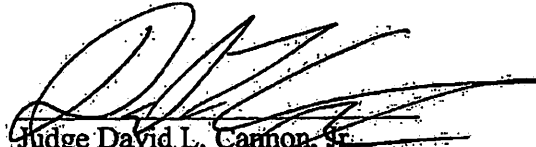
Nothing herein shall modify any request for judicial assistance made by Order of this Court regarding assignment of certain petitions for temporary protective order to the judges of the Juvenile Court.

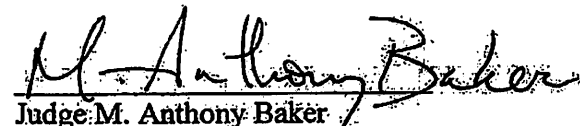
DIVORCING PARENTS SEMINAR

The Court's Order of May 8, 2020, filed in Superior Court Minute Book 201, Page 2252, shall remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDERED, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

  
Chief Judge Ellen McElyea  
Superior Court of Cherokee County

  
Judge David L. Cannon, Sr.  
Superior Court of Cherokee County

  
Judge M. Anthony Baker  
Superior Court of Cherokee County