

UPDATE AS OF JUNE 30, 2020 REGARDING DUPAGE COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

This correspondence supplements the information provided on June 26, 2020. (changes are italicized and highlighted.)

Courtroom 2002 (The Honorable Elizabeth W. Sexton) will be opened for in person court appearance beginning June 29, 2020.

For the remaining courtrooms (2001, 3001(b), 3003, 3004, 3005, 3006, 3007 and 3009)

1. **Statuses and presentments (morning cases)** shall continue to be via **ZOOM only**. If you secured the date with a judge for the in person date then your date/time is secured, but you must **contact** the Scheduler and have your case changed to ZOOM. If you do not contact the scheduler to secure a Zoom invite, the court will continue your matter to a date in August. *If you **did not** appear before a judge to get the date or it was automatically set by the clerk for a morning status or presentment, you will still need to contact the scheduler to secure a date and time.*

**A suggestion is to submit the remote scheduling form and to indicate on the form that this matter was previously set for presentation or status at the time it was set for.*

2. **Pretrial Conferences** shall continue to be via **ZOOM only**. If you have previously scheduled a Pretrial Conference for an in person court appearance, your time has been reserved, but you must call the Scheduler and have your conference changed to ZOOM. If you do not contact them, the court will continue your matter to a date in August. *If you **did not** appear before a judge to get the date or it was automatically set by the clerk for a pretrial conference, you will still need to contact the scheduler to secure a date and time.*

**A suggestion is to submit the remote scheduling form and to indicate on the form that this matter was previously set for presentation or status at the time it was set for.*

3. **Hearings scheduled for the afternoons.** If you have a hearing currently scheduled for an in person hearing, the Judge will determine if it is exigent and if it is proceeding. You will be contacted by Nora (from scheduling) to advise you if your case is proceeding or not. If the court is unable to conduct the evidentiary hearing in person and both counsel and parties are in agreement to conduct the evidentiary hearing via Zoom, they may request the evidentiary hearing via Zoom; however, the decision to conduct an evidentiary hearing via Zoom is in the discretion of the court. *If you do not hear from Nora or someone from the courthouse by the day prior to the set date, please contact the scheduler at 630/407-8854.*

4. **Trials scheduled for Thursdays and Fridays.** If you have a trial currently scheduled, the Judge will determine if it is exigent and if it is proceeding. You will be contacted by Nora (from scheduling) to advise you if your case is proceeding in person

or not. *If you do not hear from Nora or someone for the courthouse by the day prior to the set date, please contact the scheduler at 630/407-8854.*

5. **Prove-ups.** Remote prove-ups shall continue. You can also continue to do prove-ups by affidavit. *See Administrative Order 20-10.*
6. The Clerk's office is working on a system to assist us with scheduling matters via Zoom. We will keep you updated.
7. The court continues to monitor all circumstances regarding COVID-19 and will continue to reevaluate the next steps. Our DCBA Family Law Section, will begin providing weekly updates on Fridays regarding the status of the court procedures. *There will not be an update on July 3, 2020.*

Please plan to join us for our next Q&A with Domestic Relations Divisions Judges regarding these procedures. We will convene July 21st at noon via Zoom. Information on registration will be issued next week.