



Judge Anthony J. McDowell Policies & Procedures

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Judicial Practices and Procedures

Domestic Cases

Motion Policy

Judge's copies are required on all motions and responses. Please place the date of your motion on the front page of the judge's copy.

Motion Adjournment Policy

Moving party may adjourn a motion twice without re-noticing. Contact judicial office in advance or the court clerk on the day that the motion is scheduled.

Motion Day Schedule

8:30 AM	Name Changes / Emancipation
9:00 AM	Judgments
9:30 AM	Personal Protection Orders
10:30 AM	Referee Objections / Friend of the Court Matters
1:30 PM	Contested Motions (A-K)*
2:30 PM	Contested Motions (L-Z)*

Last name of male party, or by defendant if there is no male party

Motions are heard on Mondays. Motions party to choose Monday for scheduling. Petitioner does not need to contact the court for scheduling dates.

All contested motions, ex-parte requests, show

causes, and PPOs will be held in person.

Uncontested motions: parties may appear in person or by Zoom ID: [808 837 4359](https://us02zoom.us/j/8088374359)

Mandatory Settlement Conference

Tuesday afternoons scheduled every week.

Non-Jury Trials

Wednesday – Friday of the Domestic Term

Domestic cases with child related issues will be given scheduling priority.

All counsel and parties are required to appear in person.

Trial Adjournment Policy

The Court may allow adjournments of a trial date for good cause. A stipulated order with a general reason for the request must be presented at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled date.

Ex parte Orders

Will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Generally not approved to change custody or to evict parties from marital home, absent extenuating circumstances. All ex parte orders must include a motion and proposed order (comporting with court rules), supporting documentation, such as affidavits, medical reports, police reports and be signed by petitioner.

FOC Bench Warrant Arraignments

Tuesday at 1:00 PM

Juvenile Cases

Child Protective Proceedings and Delinquency Petitions

Reviews, Contested Pre-Trials and Motions

Tuesdays, Child Protective Proceedings 9:00 AM
Delinquency Petitions 10:00 AM

Trials

Wednesday – Friday of the Juvenile Term