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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF FORSYTH

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: ABSOLUTE DIVORCE AND SHORT MOTIONS
CALENDAR**

THIS ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER is intended to facilitate the efficient and orderly administration of justice in the 31st Judicial District. The undersigned enters this Administrative Order pursuant to the inherent authority of the Court and pursuant to his administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the District Courts under G.S. 7A-146 as Chief District Court Judge for the 31st Judicial District of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, the Chief District Court Judge for the 31st Judicial District of North Carolina is specifically delegated the authority and responsibility of supervising the Clerk of Superior Court in the discharge of the clerical functions of the district court (see G.S. 7A-146(3)); and

WHEREAS, the calendaring of motions for absolute divorce and other short motions is a clerical function of district court and has historically been done by the staff of the Clerk of Superior Court for the 31st Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, motions for absolute divorce and other short motions, such as Motions to Withdraw, are not chambers matters and thus are specifically not covered by the "Local Rules and Case Management Plan for the Twenty-First (now Thirty-First) Judicial District Forsyth County, North Carolina for Chambers Hearings"; and

WHEREAS, motions for absolute divorce and other short motions, such as Motions to Withdraw, are also not covered by or mentioned in the unsigned "Case Management Plan, Twenty-First Judicial District, Civil District Court" from 1997; and

WHEREAS, the 31st Judicial District is in the process of implementing Enterprise Justice (a new efilng system) and during the midst of this transition, the Clerk of Superior Court unilaterally decided that her staff would no longer calendar these matters, breaking decades of local and statewide precedent and contrary to the expectations of all other stakeholders in the civil judicial process, despite repeated requests to do so; and

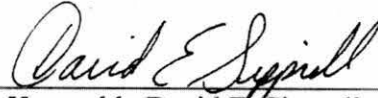
WHEREAS, there is a need for a clear delineation of roles and responsibilities within the 31st Judicial District to ensure these matters are calendared properly and efficiently and to mitigate any further confusion and delay in getting these matters heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED, effective July 29th, 2025:

1. The Clerk of Superior Court is responsible for calendaring all Motions for Absolute Divorce and other short motions designated by the Chief District Court Judge to be heard in courtroom 501 upon the initial filing of the motion and for any subsequently necessary court date.
2. These matters shall be calendared by the Clerk of Superior Court during the Monday morning civil district court sessions in courtroom 501 as configured by the Judicial Support Staff, in conformity with any applicable docket limitations, subject to further direction of the Chief District Court Judge or Judicial Support Staff.

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Entered: July 29th, 2025



The Honorable David E. Sipprell
Chief District Court Judge