

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
REGARDING DOMESTIC CASES SET BEFORE
DESIGNATED JUDICIAL OFFICIALS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that cases involving child custody, child support, alimony, post separation support, and equitable distribution of property shall, when possible and practical, be heard on a continuing basis by the designated judge (the “Judicial Official” as identified in Enterprise Justice). If no judge has been designated, the case may be set for hearing before any judge.

Except as provided herein, once a case has been assigned to a designated judge, it shall thereafter be heard only before the designated judge and if the case is continued, or when subsequently calendared for hearing, it shall be set, when possible and practical, to be heard at a future session of civil non-jury court for the designated judge.

This Order shall not apply in the following situations:

1. Emergency custody or temporary custody matters if the designated judge is not reasonably available
2. Hearings solely to set a date for further hearings
3. When the parties or counsel for the parties agree in writing to have the case reassigned to a different judge and that judge consents to being designated
4. When the designated judge has been recused from hearing the case
5. When the designated judge is not otherwise reasonably available

Nothing herein shall be grounds for setting aside an otherwise valid order entered in a case by a judge other than the designed “Judicial Official” in Enterprise Justice.

This 21st day of October, 2025.