

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS OF BARTOW AND GORDON COUNTIES
CHEROKEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

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Petitioner)	
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v.)	<hr/>
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Respondent)	

STANDING ORDER

This Order shall be binding upon the parties in the above-styled action filed in the Superior Courts of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit (Bartow and Gordon County, Georgia), their agents, servants, employees, and all other persons acting in concert with said parties.

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AUTOMATIC RESTRAINING ORDER
DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES SEEKING INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

All parties in each divorce or domestic relations case in which injunctive relief of any character is requested in the Superior Courts of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit are subject to this order from the date and time of filing suit in each case, to wit:

1. If this case involves a question of child custody (excluding contempt actions), visitation or a request to change custody or visitation, each party is hereby enjoined and restrained from unilaterally causing or permitting the minor child(ren) of the parties to be removed from the jurisdiction of this Court without express permission of the Court or written approval of both parties. For purposes of this provision, the jurisdiction of this Court is the State of Georgia.
2. Each party is hereby enjoined and restrained from doing, or attempting to do, or threatening to do, any act of injuring, maltreating, vilifying, molesting, stalking, or harassing the adverse party or any minor child(ren) of the parties.
3. Each party is hereby enjoined and restrained from selling, damaging, encumbering, trading, contracting to sell, or otherwise disposing of or removing from the jurisdiction of this Court, without the permission of the Court, any of the property belonging to the parties except in the ordinary course of business. This prohibition shall include changing

any legatee or beneficiary designation for wills, retirement accounts, banking accounts, investments, trusts, or other financial accounts.

4. Each party is hereby enjoined and restrained from changing, cause to change, cancel, or cause the cancellation of any insurance presently in effect which protects the parties, any children born from the parties, or property. This prohibition includes auto, health, vision, prescription, dental, and/or life insurance for the parties and/or the parties' minor child(ren) which is in place at the time of the filing of the action. This shall include changing any beneficiary designation for life insurance policies.
5. Each party is hereby enjoined and restrained from disconnecting, transferring, changing, or otherwise interrupting the home utilities in effect prior to filing of the action. Utilities shall be defined as electricity, gas, water, telephone and cell services for the parties and the parties' child or children, basic internet, cable, satellite, and/or streaming services. In addition, each party shall not interfere with the mail addressed to the other party or any child(ren) of the other party.
6. Each party is hereby on notice that any evidence adduced at any temporary or interlocutory hearing in a domestic relations case may be considered by the Court at subsequent hearings pursuant to Pace v. Pace, 287 Ga. 899 (2010).

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PARENTING SEMINAR

All parties with minor children in a case involving custody or parenting time shall successfully complete a co-parenting seminar approved by the Court. The parties shall complete the seminar before the final order is issued. Online seminars are acceptable. Upon completion of the seminar, each party shall file with the Clerk of Superior Court written verification/copy of the seminar completion certificate. Failure to complete the seminar will result in the Judge taking appropriate action, which may include withholding visitation and/or holding the non-complying party in contempt.

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DOMESTIC RELATIONS FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT(S)

In any domestic relations case in which temporary or permanent child support, alimony, equitable division of property, modification of child support or alimony, or attorney's fees is an issue, whether contested or uncontested, both parties must file a sworn Financial Affidavit in the form required by Uniform Superior Court Rule 24.2 with the Clerk of Superior Court at least five (5) days before any temporary or final hearing.

CHILD SUPPORT WORKSHEET(S) AND ADDENDUM

In cases involving child support, each party shall complete and file a Child Support Worksheet(s) and serve the other party or parties at least five (5) days before any temporary hearing, final hearing, or mediation. All final judgments and agreements furnished to the Court for approval and/or entry must comply with the drafting mandates of O.C.G.A. §§ 19-5-2 and 19-6-15, including attaching Child Worksheet(s) and either attaching a Child Support Addendum or reciting the language contained in the Child Support Addendum within the body of the agreement or decree.

MEDIATION

All parties in contested domestic relations cases where there is not a written agreement shall participate in mediation prior to the final hearing. This requirement does not apply to cases filed under the Family Violence Act O.C.G.A. § 19-13-1 or in cases seeking a finding of contempt as to only child support or alimony in a Motion for Contempt. A Motion to Waive Mediation Attendance, stating the reasons therefore, must be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Superior Court. Waivers for mediation are at the Court's discretion. Mediations shall fully comply with the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Rules of the 7th Judicial Circuit. Prior to the final hearing and as soon as possible after the completion of mediation, the parties, through counsel if represented, shall file notice with the Clerk of Court that the parties have complied with the mediation requirement of this order.

SCHEDULING

The Superior Court Calendar is posted under "Court Calendars" on both the Gordon County and Bartow County Superior Court Website (note that both counties' schedules are included in the calendar). Hearings are not automatically scheduled upon filing an action in the Cherokee Judicial Circuit. For those who have not previously scheduled a hearing in the Superior Court of the Cherokee Judicial Circuit or are unfamiliar with this Circuit's procedure, scheduling guidelines are as follows:

1. If a party desires a hearing and the case has not been heard/assigned to a judge, a hearing may be scheduled by contacting the office of the Superior Court Clerk who shall assign and schedule the case on a date and time for a hearing to be held. The requesting party shall then immediately file and serve written Notice of the time and place of the hearing upon the other party. The Notice shall state the relief sought under the terms of this Order and may be attached to and served at the same time as this Petition, the Summons, and this Standing Order. If a party anticipates that a hearing will take more than three (3) hours, they should relay this information to the Superior Court Clerk's Office while scheduling.

2. If a party desires a hearing and the case has been previously heard by an assigned Judge, the party desiring such may schedule a hearing by contacting the office of the Superior Court Clerk, who will generally direct scheduling inquiries to the assigned Judge's Office. If a party anticipates any domestic hearing will take more than three (3) hours to try, coordination with the assigned Judge's Office is preferred, as these matters may need to be specially set for hearing.
 - a. If a party reaches out to the assigned Judge's Office for scheduling or any other matter, all parties must be included on email communications.
 - b. The ultimate responsibility of providing notice of the hearing to the non-requesting party rests with the party requesting the hearing. Where a party has previously consented to electronic service, please note that if a party has not manually entered their email in PeachCourt or previously filed anything in PeachCourt, they may not automatically receive an email notification of any filings in the case (e.g. notice of a hearing).
3. The Court may, in its discretion, schedule pretrial hearings, pretrial conferences, scheduling conferences, or any other conference they deem necessary with the Court.

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REQUESTS TO APPEAR BY ZOOM

If a party wishes to appear via video conference (i.e. Zoom), prior approval from the Court and notice to the non-requesting party is required. If the non-requesting party opposes a request to appear via Zoom, they may file an appropriate motion setting forth facts warranting an in-person hearing. However, permission for a party to appear via Zoom rests solely within the Court's discretion.

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CONFLICTS

Attorneys shall maintain professionalism by notifying both the Court and opposing counsel of any conflicts in accordance with Uniform Superior Court Rule 17.1. Failure to advise the Court of a conflict or to report as required by this rule may result in an assessment of attorney's fees against the attorney failing to provide notice and may also result in a finding of contempt.

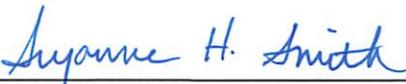
IT IS ORDERED, that a copy of this Standing Order shall be attached to each complaint for service upon the defendant in every divorce or domestic relations case.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THIS STATE ARE AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO CARRY OUT THE TERMS OF THE ORDER, REQUIRED HEREIN, WHEN ENTERED IN A SPECIFIC CASE BY THE CLERK.

SO ORDERED, this 22 day of July, 2025.



CHIEF JUDGE D. SCOTT SMITH



JUDGE SUZANNE H. SMITH



JUDGE ROSEMARY M. GREENE



JUDGE SAMIR J. PATEL