

DISTRICT COURT, EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO 270 South Tejon Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (719) 452-5358	☐ COURT USE ONLY ☐
IN RE MARRIAGE OF: Petitioner: and Respondent:	Case Number: Division: 9 Courtroom: S305
DIVISION 9 STANDARD CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER (POST- DECREE)	

To ensure parties are properly prepared for hearing and that the Court receives all information necessary to make proper decisions, the Court ORDERS the following:

This Case Management Order supersedes any previous order of the Court, to the extent the previous order is inconsistent with this Order. These deadlines and procedures may be revised only by further order of the Court, upon good cause shown.

Parties and Counsel (Attorneys and/or Licensed Legal Paraprofessionals(LLP)) must comply with all deadlines contained in Rule 16.2 of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure.

IF YOUR CASE INVOLVES CHILDREN: If your case proceeds to a contested hearing regarding allocating parental responsibility of your minor children, please note the additional expectations of parties and counsel as follows:

- a. Counsel and parties shall conduct themselves in a manner during the hearing that does not increase the conflict between the parents. All parties and counsel should be mindful of the need for the parties to work together and co-parent with each other often long after involvement with attorneys and the Court.
- b. Be prepared to explain what parenting plan is in the best interest of your minor child/ren and why.

A. PROCESS FOR RESOLVING THE MOTION

1. MEDIATION: Within 21 days from the date of this Order, the party who filed the Motion shall schedule mediation by calling the Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR) at (719) 452-5005 or 04JDMediation@judicial.state.co.us. Mediation

request forms can be found at: <https://www.coloradojudicial.gov/courts/trial-courts/el-paso-county/forms-el-paso-county>.

Alternatively, mediation can be scheduled with a private mediator. Any stipulated agreements reached in mediation are to be filed with the Court. Mediation shall be scheduled so that it can be completed prior to the Hearing Date. **Mediation is not required if previously waived by the Court or if issues have already been mediated prior to issuance of this order.**

NOTICE TO SET: No later than 28 days from the date of this Order, the party who filed the Motion shall set the matter for a pretrial conference and hearing by filing a Notice to Set (JDF1123), which shall inform the Court of the mediation date. The Notice to Set form can be found at the above website. The form shall be filled out to include a date 2 weeks out from the date of mailing/filing, on a Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. Division 9 staff is available at (719) 452-5358.

Review by the Court in 35 Days: The Court will review this matter in 35 days to determine whether the parties have complied with this Order. **If a notice to set, including a scheduled mediation date, has not been filed, the pending Motion may be deemed abandoned and dismissed.**

2. Sworn Financial Statements / Mandatory Disclosures / Witness Lists:
Pursuant to C.R.C.P. 16.2(e), ***if the Motion includes a request to modify child support or maintenance*** the parties shall exchange mandatory financial disclosures and file updated Sworn Financial Statements (JDF 1111) no later than 42 days after service of the Motion. Lists of your expected witnesses shall be exchanged at the same time, if they have not previously been exchanged pursuant to Rule 16.2.

3. Pretrial Conference:

Pretrial Conferences will be scheduled approximately one month prior to the Hearing date. Lead Counsel (Attorney or LLP) ***who is representing the party at the Hearing*** and self-represented parties *shall* appear in court on this date. (Parties who are represented by counsel are encouraged to attend but are not required to.) The judge will discuss the procedures and issues in preparation for your Hearing. You should be prepared to discuss with the judge your settlement efforts, as well as any issues concerning discovery, disclosures, documents, financial information, witnesses, or exhibits, and any other issues related to your Hearing. **Failure to appear at the Pretrial Conference will result in the Motion being denied and the Hearing being vacated.**

All Pretrial Conferences are held via WebEx *videoconferencing*. This is done with the intention of making the most efficient use of the time of the parties and counsel and

to provide access to the Court for parties who have difficulty attending in person. Any party or counsel is welcome to attend in person if they prefer. **Do not attempt to attend any hearing by telephone, or by simply “calling in” to WebEx as this is disallowed.**

Division 9’s WebEx information can be found at:

<https://judicial.webex.com/meet/D04-CSPG-Div9>

Access Code: 2598 971 2111

4. 1 week (7 days) before Hearing – Joint Trial Management Certificate:

Trial Management Certificates (“TMC”) shall be filed with the Court no less than 7 days before the hearing date. If at least one party is represented by counsel (either an Attorney or LLP), counsel shall file a Joint TMC by this date, including the positions of both parties. **If neither party is represented by counsel, each party shall separately file a Pro Se Pre-Trial Statement (Form JDF 1129).** These filings shall set out the disputed issues, that party’s witnesses and exhibits, updated Sworn Financial Statements, any agreements that the parties have made and, if children are involved in the case, a Child Support Worksheet and a Parenting Plan Proposal. This statement and all attachments must also be sent to the other side by this date. Any witnesses or exhibits not disclosed in the TMC or Pro Se Pre-Trial Statement will not be allowed at the hearing.

The TMC is limited to fifteen (15) pages exclusive of the Header, Signature lines, and Certificate of Service, with each party receiving equal space. The TMC shall be formatted consistent with C.R.C.P. 10(d)(2). TMCs that fail to comply with this Order will be rejected.

5. On the day of the Hearing:

Unless otherwise specifically ordered by the Court, Hearings are scheduled for two (2) hours with each side receiving equal time to present and defend their respective cases. You will have the opportunity to present evidence and to advocate for your position on the issues you want the judge to decide. You must have all your evidence, witnesses, and exhibits prepared to present to the judge. You should be prepared to explain to the judge specifically what you are asking for and to present evidence (testimony and/or exhibits) that support your position.

You are responsible for bringing **four** sets of your exhibits, in hard copy, to court (1 for you, 1 for the other party, 1 for the witness, and 1 for the Judge). Petitioner is to label each exhibit with numbers, Respondent with letters. In addition, each page of each exhibit must be numbered. **If all exhibits have been electronically filed, a Judge’s copy is not required. The Parties shall not file more than 30 exhibits electronically.**

Please be advised that the hearing will not proceed on the scheduled date and time if mediation has not been completed or previously waived by the Court.

B. GENERAL ORDERS & PROCEDURES

6. Motions for Virtual Appearance: All hearings are held in person. Any party wishing to appear virtually, or to present the testimony of any witness virtually, must file a motion for absentee testimony (Form JDF 1309) pursuant to C.R.C.P. 43(i) as soon as the need for absentee testimony becomes known. The motion must comply with Rule 43. Parties shall not assume that a client or witness will be permitted to appear virtually simply because the request is unopposed.

7. Discovery Disputes: This Court will not accept written motions concerning discovery disputes between the parties. **The Court expects the parties to engage in meaningful efforts to resolve discovery disputes on their own or through counsel before contacting the Court.** If you are truly unable to reach an agreement, you may contact the Court clerk to set a forthwith status conference to resolve the issue. No later than three business days before the status conference, the party requesting the conference shall file a short statement describing the disputed issues and your position. The other party shall file a short response no later than two business days before the conference. You may attach relevant materials to your filing.

8. Self-represented Parties: If you have elected to represent yourself in this proceeding, you must keep in mind that you will be held to the same rigorous standards as an attorney. Assistance can be obtained from the Family Court Facilitators by calling 719-452-5104, or by going to Room S116 of the El Paso County Combined Courts. General information is also available at the Colorado Legal Help Center website, at www.coloradolegalhelpcenter.us. The Court and its staff cannot represent your legal interests, provide legal advice, or answer any legal questions. It is essential that you take full responsibility to be prepared to present your interests and your children's interests at your hearing.

9. Rules of Evidence and Procedure: The Colorado Rules of Evidence apply at all hearings in which evidence is considered. See C.R.E. 1101. The Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure also apply, except as specified in the family court statute. See C.R.S. §14-10-105.

10. Civility and Respect: The Court recognizes how difficult these proceedings can be, especially when cases proceed to contested hearings regarding issues very personal to the parties. However, the Parties are to behave with civility and treat the Court, the participants, and each other with respect at all times during the proceedings. Rudeness, *ad hominem* comments, or general disrespect by any participant will not be tolerated.

The Court may consider the conduct and demeanor of the parties and witnesses when evaluating credibility of a party or witness. Parties shall not argue with one another in open court. Attorneys shall not argue with each other or with the parties in open court.

All hearings are recorded so counsel and parties must be careful to take turns speaking such that a good record of the proceedings may be maintained.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER MAY RESULT IN THE COURT IMPOSING SANCTIONS, INCLUDING DISMISSAL OF THE MOTION.

SO ORDERED: NOV 13, 2025.

BY THE COURT:



Dennis L. McGuire
District Court Judge