IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 5.201-6/19*

IN RE:	UNIFORM MOTION CALENDAR PRACTICE
	IN UNIFIED FAMILY COURT

The Family Court Judges, in accordance with Local Rule No. 4, have specified that Uniform Motion Calendar (UMC) shall be held by all family divisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.215, it is **ORDERED**, **effective July 1, 2019** as follows:

- 1. Uniform Motion Calendar (hereinafter referenced as "UMC") shall occur weekly in the Family Divisions of the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit pursuant to the following general schedule which is subject to adjustment based upon each particular Judge's calendar and conflicts. Please refer to paragraph 7 for detailed divisional schedules.
- 2. The purpose of the UMC is to provide a forum in which to resolve non-evidentiary procedural motions and uncontested Family Division proceedings, such as dissolution of marriage actions, within the framework of hearings that do not exceed 10 minutes.
 - a. Contested proceedings including dissolution of marriage, paternity, support, custody, time-sharing and non-routine non-evidentiary motions are not appropriate to be scheduled on UMC and will not be heard during the UMC.
 - b. Matters that will exceed 10 minutes, which time includes reviewing documents and motions as well as time for argument, must be scheduled for a special set hearing.
- 3. All non-evidentiary/procedural motions scheduled for the UMC must contain a "good-faith" certification in either the motion or notice of hearing verifying that a good faith effort has been made to contact the opposing attorney or the opposing *pro se* party to discuss and make an effort to resolve by agreement the issues framed for hearing prior to filing the notice of hearing on said motion. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in the motion being stricken from the UMC and/or the imposition of sanctions, in the court's discretion. The court may waive this "good-faith" certification requirement.
- 4. No attorneys or *pro se* parties are permitted to cross-notice or "piggyback" one motion upon a previously scheduled motion set by the opposing side, unless (a) both sides agree

and (b) the maximum time limit of 10 minutes per case set forth hereinabove will not be exceeded.

- a. The Court will only allow a maximum of 3 (three) motions in one given case to be set.
- b. If time permits, the court in its discretion may, however, defer the hearings on any cross-noticed motions which both sides have agreed may be heard but which cannot be dealt with in the 10 minute time limit until all other motions scheduled on UMC related to other cases have been addressed.
- c. If time permits the court may elect to address the cross-noticed motion.
- d. The court reserves the option of taking certain UMC motions out of order based upon emergent or exigent scheduling or other circumstances.
- 5. Each moving party is obligated to bring an order that can be completed by the Circuit Judge or General Magistrate during the hearing reflecting his or her ruling together with the appropriate pre-addressed, stamped return envelopes. If the court requires that a more detailed order be prepared, the attorney who is directed to prepare the order shall do so and submit same within 5 working days of said hearing together with the appropriate pre-addressed, stamped return envelopes unless the Judge or General Magistrate has indicated in their divisional instructions that proposed orders may be sent by email.
- 6. No Motions for Reconsideration, Motions for Rehearing or Motions for Clarification are permitted on the UMC Docket. Please refer to Local Rule 6 for more information.
- 7. The UMC Schedule for the Family Divisions of this Circuit is as follows:
 - a. Central County Courthouse (all divisions): Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:45 a.m.-9:15 a.m.
 - b. North County Courthouse:
 - 1) Division "FH"
 Tuesday and Wednesday
 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
 - 2) Division "FI"
 Tuesday and Wednesday
 8:45 a.m.-9:15 a.m.
 - 3) Divisions "FJ"
 Tuesday and Wednesday
 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

- c. South County Courthouse (all divisions):
 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
- d. West County Courthouse (Division FW) Wednesday: 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
- 8. To obtain the UMC schedule for the UFC Magistrates, please refer to each Magistrate's webpage for divisional instructions.
- 9. The above-described UMC schedule is subject to change. Prior to scheduling any UMC Calendar hearing, attorneys and their staff should consult the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit's website (www.15thcircuit.com) to review the judge's calendar suspension dates.

PONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida this ______ day of June, 2019.

o your service

Krista Marx Chief Judge

^{*}supersedes admin. order 5.201-03/19