## JUDGE LISA GORCYCA

OAKLAND COUNTY SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION

#### COURTROOM PROTOCOL

**UPDATED: JUNE 25, 2025** 



- <u>Direct Link</u>: <u>Hon. Lisa Gorcyca's Zoom Courtroom</u>
- <u>Desktop PCs and Laptops</u>: Go to the Zoom website <u>www.zoom.us</u>, Click on "Join a Meeting." Join using Meeting ID: **248 858 0360**
- <u>Telephone</u> (audio only): Call (646) 876-9923. Connect using Meeting ID: **248 858 0360**
- <u>Tablets & Phones</u>: download the Zoom app from App Store or Play Store prior to the call. At the time of the call, launch the Zoom app and join using Meeting ID: **248 858 0360** 
  - o <u>DISPLAY NAME</u>: **Please display your legal name and case number**, to assist in being admitted into the correct Zoom hearing for your case.
  - PUBLIC: Please identify your connection to a party or use PUBLIC to assist in being admitted into the correct Zoom hearing for your case.
  - <u>CAMERA MUST REMAIN ON</u>. Everyone is welcome to be present during non-confidential proceedings. This is a public courtroom, so everyone present must have cameras ON and be within view, unless otherwise directed by the court.
  - PROPER CONDUCT & ATTIRE: Participants are reminded that all virtual court appearances are an extension of the courtroom. Therefore, parties must adhere to proper conduct and appropriate attire is required. CAMERA MUST REMAIN ON. THIS IS A PUBLIC COURTROOM.
  - Please note that you may be placed in a waiting room until your case is ready to be called (This may happen when another case is being heard or until all parties have joined).
  - Please check the court calendar at the following link: Sixth Circuit Court Calendar
  - o If you need assistance, please ask the Clerk when joining the hearing.

Viewers are prohibited from recording or otherwise copying court proceedings.

#### **JUDGE GORCYCA'S STAFF**

Please contact Chambers by calling (248) 858-0360 or by emailing the Judicial Clerks below:

| Samantha          | Kayleigh               | Portia                | Ann                     |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Judicial Clerk    | Judicial Clerk         | Judicial Secretary    | Judicial Staff Attorney |
| (248) 858-0360    | (248) 858-0360         | williamspr@oakgov.com | achesona@oakgov.com     |
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#### THE FRIEND OF THE COURT

Please contact the Case Assistant for your assigned Referee if you have a question regarding a scheduled hearing before a Friend of the Court Referee.

| REFEREE                  | ZOOM ID       | CASE ASSISTANT | PHONE NUMBER   |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Referee Chris Harrington | 314 268 6899  | Nick Archer    | (248) 858-0438 |
| Referee Kate Weaver      | 910 6776 1047 | Sharmeka May   | (248) 858-0463 |

#### Helpful links:

Friend of the Court Handbook

SMILE Program Handbook

Change Support Help Guide

#### **EMERGENCY MOTIONS**

Domestic cases may now utilize the e-filing system. Please click the following link for e-filing details: <u>E-filing Instructions</u>

If a given case has not already been added to the <u>MiFILE</u> system, the Oakland County Clerk's Office can add the case to e-filing by requesting the addition via an email to eFiling@oakgov.com

Emergency motions must be submitted through the e-filing system. Once your motion has been e-filed, you must email a Judge's Copy to Judge Gorcyca's Staff Attorney at achesona@oakgov.com

Questions regarding the e-File system should be directed to <a href="mailto:eFiling@oakgov.com">eFiling@oakgov.com</a>. Specific questions regarding your emergency motion may be emailed to: <a href="mailto:achesona@oakgov.com">achesona@oakgov.com</a> or <a href="mailto:williamspr@oakgov.com">williamspr@oakgov.com</a>.

#### PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDERS

Petitions for personal protection orders are to be emailed to <a href="PPO@oakgov.com">PPO@oakgov.com</a>. Please click the following link for details: <a href="PPO Instructions">PPO Instructions</a>

### **SIGNATURES**

Signatures must appear on all orders. Clients and attorneys must both sign orders (if applicable). On Ex Parte Orders, the preparing attorney/party must sign the order.

## **SCHEDULING ORDER**

All cases set for trial time before Judge Gorcyca are required to complete and <u>e-file</u> a scheduling order. The scheduling order issued by the court will be the only notice of the scheduled court date. Please review the scheduling order for all applicable deadlines, dates, and instructions. Failure to <u>e-file</u> the completed scheduling order may result in the chosen trial date becoming unavailable due to docket availability.

- Domestic Scheduling Order for Trial
- Scheduling Order for Evidentiary Hearing

#### **MEDIATION**

All domestic cases must participate in mediation before proceeding to trial on any unresolved issues. Please contact Chambers if you need a list of available mediators.

### **FURTHER QUESTIONS**

Chambers staff may be reached at (248) 858-0360. Further **urgent** questions regarding your case may be emailed to: <a href="mailto:achesona@oakgov.com">achesona@oakgov.com</a> or <a href="mailto:williamspr@oakgov.com">williamspr@oakgov.com</a>.

#### **LEGAL AID**

The following are some of the resources available for questions regarding how to proceed with your case:

Oakland County Self-Help Center

#### **Legal Aid Clinics**:

- Family Law Assistance Project (FLAP)
- > Common Ground (248) 451-3753
- ➤ Oakland Mediation Center (248) 338-4280 x211

MichiganLegalHelp.org

Michigan State Bar

# FAMILY LAW ASSISTANCE PROJECT



Receive free family law advice and brief legal services.

Clinic is first come first serve until full.

If the clinic is full or you are unable to attend but still need legal assistance, call the Counsel & Advocacy Law Line: (888)-783-8190.

Scan QR Code for eligibility information and a list of necessary documentation.

2025 In-Person Clinics 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

July 9 and July 23

August 13 and August 27

September 10 and September 24

October 8 and October 22

November 12

December 3

Oakland County Friend of the Court Building 230 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341

