

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA
FAMILY DIVISION

O. W.,)	
Petitioner,)	
)	CIVIL ACTION
v.)	FILE NO.: 2022CV361130
)	
R. W.,)	
Respondent.)	

**NOTICE TO ATTEND TEMPORARY HEARING AND 60 DAY STATUS HEARING
(CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE)**

The above-styled case is scheduled for a **TEMPORARY HEARING AND 60 DAY STATUS HEARING** on:

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2022, AT 9:00 A.M.

This hearing will be conducted via video conference through Zoom. Instructions on utilizing *Zoom* are enumerated on page two (2) of this *Notice*.

It is hereby ORDERED that all parties and their attorneys (if they are represented by counsel), shall appear via *Zoom*, at the date and time designated above. **The parties will be allotted 2 hours for the 60 day status hearing and temporary hearing. The Court hereby gives express notice to the parties that the testimony and evidence heard at the Temporary Hearing will be incorporated and considered at any and all subsequent hearings, including the Final Trial. See *Pace v. Pace*, 287 Ga. 899 (2010).** This Notice shall serve as express notice to the parties that the Court may rely on evidence from the temporary hearing in making its final determination in the instant matter. If applicable, the parties are ordered to ensure that they have served a current VERIFIED Domestic Relations Financial Affidavit, exchanged financial documents, and fully complied with Ga. R. Sup. Ct. Rule 24.2 in advance of the hearing.

In the absence of good cause shown, failure to appear at and/or participate in good faith in the hearing may result in the final disposition of the matter if the case is ripe for judgment, or the imposition of sanctions or penalties provided by statute, rule, or authority of the Court, including: 1) a finding of contempt by the Court; 2) taxation of costs or attorney's fees; 3) dismissal of the case; and/or 4) imposition of monetary or other sanctions. Any party represented by an attorney will be considered as a 'failure to appear' if the attorney does not appear at the: **TEMPORARY HEARING.**

PLEASE BE ON TIME. Failure to appear at the appointed time may result in a dismissal of the case. If you are not represented by counsel, it is your responsibility to ensure that the court has your current email address and telephone number, and further, to notify the court if you will be late.

It is the duty and responsibility of Counsel to contact the Court's Court Reporter, Ms. Cherry Tullos at cherry.tullos@fultoncountyga.gov, prior to the hearing to arrange for take down. Failure of the parties to contact Ms. Tullos directly may result in the matter not being taken down. No party or witness shall record the proceedings absent a properly filed and granted Rule 22 or other applicable motion.

If you need reasonable modifications due to a disability, including communications in an alternate format, in order to participate in the trial, please contact the Judge's chambers seven (7) days in advance to facilitate your request. For TDD/TTY or Georgia Relay Service Access, dial 711.

TO UTILIZE AND ACCESS ZOOM:

1. For web access to Zoom, please visit <https://zoom.us/> and select the "JOIN A MEETING" option or for use on mobile devices, locate and download the "Zoom" app from the app store, and click on the "JOIN" icon.
2. Put in the "Meeting ID" number: **956 2345 0168**
3. Enter Passcode: N/A
4. Turn on Audio and Video.
5. Click "JOIN."
6. Or in the alternative, join by clicking on, or inputting, the following link into the web browser on your electronic device: <https://zoom.us/j/95623450168>

The parties are encouraged and requested to make every effort to use a laptop or desktop computer for rather than a cellular phone for the hearing. Reliable and stable internet connectivity on the device in which you use is imperative.

BEFORE YOUR HEARING: Please ensure that you are familiar with Zoom **and** that your electronic devices are functioning properly to participate in your hearing **prior to your scheduled hearing.** You may download and "run" Zoom on your device, or on the Zoom website using the "join a meeting" button at "<https://zoom.us/join>". Though the Court understands that some technological issues are beyond immediate repair, many are preventable by being proactive and familiarizing yourself with Zoom ahead of time. **Please note that for your hearing, just as if you were physically in Court, Judge Williams will need to both see and hear you.** Please ensure that you have audio and video capability, and that you have "enabled" Zoom to access those functions on your device. Delays caused by technological issues may result in your matter being rescheduled to a later date and time. **Counsel, the parties, and any witnesses shall familiarize themselves with Zoom and all of its capabilities, including document sharing, prior the hearing.**

ONCE YOU HAVE LOGGED ON: On the date and time of your hearing, keep in mind that when you log on using the Meeting ID and Passcode above, you will initially be placed into a virtual waiting room until allowed into the main hearing room. Please be patient with this process and stay logged on. Please mute and keep your microphone muted until the judge calls your case. Please use your Zoom settings dropdown feature to "rename" yourself to the name under which your matter is docketed. Please as talking across the platform becomes distracting and interferes with the Court's ability to run things efficiently.

FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS REGARDING THE USE OF ZOOM: Please visit Zoom.us and review the selections made available under the "RESOURCES" section on the Zoom.us homepage.

WITNESSES AND EXHIBITS:

For applicable motions hearings, contempt hearings, temporary hearings, and final trials: At least **three (3) days** prior to hearings, Counsel shall clarify whether these issues are argument of counsel only, or whether witnesses and exhibits will be necessary. It is Counsel's responsibility to provide the meeting log on instructions to their respective clients and failure to log on will be deemed to be a waiver of their presence for the hearing. Any non-party witness will be placed in a "waiting room" and only join the Zoom Hearing when called.

Counsel shall also indicate whether documents will be presented to the Court during the Zoom Hearing. Said documents shall be pre-marked as exhibits for ease of conducting the Zoom Hearing. Counsel shall try to resolve any issues with the exhibits **two (2) days** prior to the hearing. The Court will handle any objections to the exhibits during the hearing.

At least **one (1) day** prior to the hearing, Counsel shall email all relevant pleadings and exhibits to the Court's Senior Staff Attorney Ms. Janel O. Bowles at janel.bowles@fultoncountyga.gov, and the Court's Judicial Assistant, Ms. Kahlia Jones at kahlia.jones@fultoncountyga.gov. If there are objections to certain exhibits, those should be identified within the aforementioned correspondence to the Court. All objections should state the grounds for the objection and the corresponding rule number from the Georgia Rules of Evidence. **Counsel, the parties, and any witnesses shall familiarize themselves with Zoom and all its capabilities, including document sharing, prior the hearing.**

OBTAINING AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT:

The court reporter's transcript is the official record of the proceeding. Upon direct request to Ms. Tullos, your hearing may be taken down. **Please note that a party does not have a right to a transcript of a civil proceeding if that party does not share in the cost of the takedown.** *See Davenport v. Davenport*, 299 Ga. 136 (2016); *see also Kent v. Kent*, 289 Ga. 821 (2011).

INTERPRETER SERVICES:

More information regarding obtaining the services of a language interpreter can be found at <http://sca-interpreter.fultoncountyga.gov/InterpreterPublic/>. Please make arrangements regarding a language interpreter as far in advance as possible. Further, Counsel must provide the interpreter with this notice and/or the date and time of the hearing, Zoom Meeting ID and password, at the time the interpreter request is made, so not to delay the process of having an interpreter provided.

SO ORDERED this **3rd** day of April, 2022.



Hon. Shermela J. Williams, Judge
Superior Court of Fulton County
Atlanta Judicial Circuit

Family Division Judges

FAM 1 – Honorable Kevin M. Farmer: 404-612-8384
FAM 2 – Honorable Craig L. Schwall, Sr.: 404-612-8667
FAM 3 – Honorable Shermela J. Williams: 404-612-4991
FAM 4 – Honorable Henry Newkirk: 404-612-8540

CASE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON-LINE

Information is available about your case on-line at www.fultonclerk.org. Select “Judicial Record Search” in the middle of the page and then click on “All Case Records” to find hearing and filing information using the court file number on the front of this notice. To obtain copies of filed documents, please contact the Clerk’s office at 185 Central Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303 or online at www.fultonclerk.org.

E-FILING

Electronic filing (eFile) of documents is mandatory. www.eFileGA.com. You may eFile your documents without a fee from a Public Access Terminal (“PAT”) in the Clerk’s office at 185 Central Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303. Instructions to eFile may be accessed at: <http://www.fultoncourt.org/efile/>

FAMILY LAW INFORMATION CENTER

If you are acting as your own attorney, you may obtain forms, legal information, brief attorney advice and referrals at the Court’s Family Law Information Center, 185 Central Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303. www.fultoncourt.org/family/ or 404.612.2789.

NOTICE OF EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (CASES WITH CHILDREN ONLY)

The Families in Transition Seminar is a court ordered educational program for parties involved in divorce, separate maintenance, paternity, change of custody, visitation, legitimation, and other domestic relations matters involving minor children. Both parties involved in the action are REQUIRED to attend the seminar within thirty (30) days of the Court Order being served upon the Respondent/Defendant. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.fultoncourt.org/family/family-fit.php>

JOINT COMPLIANCE

A Status Conference may be removed from the Court’s calendar by full compliance with Fulton Family Division Amended Local Rule 4000-3.2.5. The documents required by the Rule must be filed no less than five (5) days before the date of the Status Conference.

DOMESTIC RELATIONS INITIATION PACKET

Documents contained in this packet must be completed and brought to the 30-day status conference. If you did not receive a copy, please visit <http://www.fultoncourt.org/family/family-forms.php> to download a copy.