

NOTICE ON CHANCERY COURT PROCEDURE

The pandemic has changed the way we practice law for the last year. We are slowly returning to a new normal. As we move forward here are some of the adjustments we are making to our procedure.

1. ZOOM-We will continue using zoom for motions without testimony and for motions which require testimony with no cross examination, such as a default judgment.
2. TEMPORARY PARENTING PLANS will be heard in person. Please comply with local rule 6.03.
3. CONTEMPTS-will be in person
4. ADOPTIONS can be in person or Zoom.
5. All cases with contested testimony will be heard in person, unless parties agree to hearing by Zoom.
6. Any case in which both parties agree will be done by Zoom.
7. PROBATE-will continue to open estates by Zoom or without a hearing if all required information is furnished and without a hearing request. The original will must be initially filed with the court. All documents needed to open an estate must be filed with the Clerk and Master's Office *before* a court date will be given. Exception to claims will be heard by Zoom. Contested matters will be heard in person as scheduled by the clerk. Small estates will be heard by the Clerk and Master by phone or Zoom.

These procedures will be in effect unless the Chancellor rules otherwise on an individual case.

These procedures will take effect on this the 16 day of March 2021.



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