

**IN THE COURTS OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE WCAD 2007-01

IN RE: FAMILY LAW STANDING PRETRIAL ORDER

WHEREAS, the Circuit Courts of Walton County have two Family Law Divisions; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Courts are committed to reducing conflict and promoting stable family environments during the pendency of the family law case; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Circuit Courts to enter Pretrial Orders in family law cases; it is, therefore,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

(1) The Family Law Standing Order signed and attached to this Administrative Directive shall be entered and a copy of same provided to each party and/or attorney filing a contested dissolution of marriage in Walton County, Florida.

(2) Any objections to the Family Law Standing Pretrial Order shall be made in writing and submitted to the Court issuing the order within 15 days of the order or within 15 days from the date the issue arises, whichever occurs first.

DONE AND ORDERED in chambers at DeFuniak Springs, Walton County, Florida, this 17th day of July, 2007.

Signed by: Kelvin Wells, Administrative Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA
FAMILY DIVISION _____
CASE NO. _____

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FAMILY LAW STANDING PRETRIAL ORDER

The following Family Law Standing Pretrial Order (“Order”) shall apply to both parties in an original action for dissolution of marriage. Service of this Order shall be made with service of process of a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage and shall be effective with regard to the Petitioner upon filing of the petition and with regard to the Respondent upon service of the summons and Petition for Dissolution of Marriage or upon waiver and acceptance of service. The following Order shall remain in place during the pendency of this action, unless modified, terminated or amended by further order of the Court, upon motion of either of the parties.

1. Neither party shall sell, transfer, encumber, conceal, assign, remove or in any way dispose of, without the consent of the other party in writing, or without an order of the Court, any disputed property, individually or jointly held by parties, except in the usual course of business, for customary and usual household expenses or for reasonable attorney’s fees and costs in connection with this action. This provision is not to be interpreted to control property which is co-owned with a third party. In such case, either party may file an appropriate motion with the Court, with notice to all whose property rights may be affected.

2. Neither party shall incur any unreasonable or unnecessary debts, including, but not limited to, further borrowing against any credit line secured by the family residence, further encumbering any assets, or unreasonably using credit cards or cash advances against credit or bank cards.

3. Neither party shall permanently remove the minor child or children of the parties over whom the Court has jurisdiction from the State of Florida, without written consent of the other party or an order of the Court.

4. Unless there is another court order in effect, the parties shall share parental responsibility for any minor child(ren) of the marriage. The parties shall familiarize themselves with the provisions of the Walton County Shared Parenting Agreement, which may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court. Any timesharing schedule should be established in writing. The parties may agree to any timesharing schedule they believe is in the best interest of the child(ren). Parents who have separated and have operated under an agreement regarding the residence and timesharing of the child(ren) are encouraged to continue same; the status quo is highly encouraged. Timesharing and visitation should follow the Walton County Shared Parenting Agreement unless specifically changed in writing. For cases in which child abuse and/or neglect is alleged by a party against the other parent, the party shall promptly file the appropriate pleadings with the Court to seek immediate relief from the above timesharing schedule.

5. Neither party shall cause the other party or the child(ren) of the marriage to be removed from any medical, hospital and/or dental insurance coverage, and each party shall maintain the existing medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage in full force and effect.

6. Neither party shall change the beneficiaries of any existing life insurance policies, and each party who has traditionally paid the following shall maintain existing life insurance, automobile insurance, homeowner's or renter's insurance policies in full force and effect.

7. If the parties have a child or children, a party vacating the family residence shall notify the other party or the other party's attorney, in writing, within forty-eight (48) hours of such move, of an address and telephone number where the relocated party can receive communication. This provision shall not apply if there is a conflicting court order.

8. Failure to obey this Order may be punishable by contempt of court. If you wish to modify this Order, you must file the appropriate motion with the Walton County Clerk's Office.

DONE AND ORDERED at DeFuniak Springs, Walton County, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Circuit Judge

Copies to all parties