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USE OF E-MAIL
This court will utilize email as much as possible when scheduling pre-trial conferences and other general correspondence. If you do not have an email address please contact our office immediately.

SCHEDULING
This Court understands the importance of **your time**, which is why we will start pre-trial's and motions promptly and move the calendar along as quickly as possible. Please be courteous of the Court's time and please be prompt.

MOTIONS
Unless an order to show cause is granted based upon exigencies of time, the original motion papers and appropriate fee must be filed with the County Clerk at least 16 days in advance of the return date (21 days if service is by mail) and include a 7-day demand for responding papers in the notice of motion (CPLR 2214 [b]). Failure to provide sufficient time will entail adjournment of the motion. Duly demanded responding papers not timely filed will not be considered by the Court absent good cause for the delay. Affirmations of good faith are required for motions regarding discovery or particulars. Moving Attorneys are to provide the Court with a proposed order with all motions submitted.

Adjournment of motions cannot be more than four weeks in the aggregate without Court permission. Orders prepared by counsel should be submitted on notice to opposing counsel and will be held 7 days for comment unless approval as to form is endorsed thereon or submitted by letter from opposing counsel.

DEFAULT MATRIMONIALS
Shall be submitted on papers unless special circumstances require an inquest. Only one set of papers should be submitted. The pertinent statutory factors should be addressed in the party's affidavit and enumerated in the proposed findings of fact. If the parties opt out of the CSSA, the agreement and proposed judgement must comply with DRL 240(1-b)(h).

CONFERENCES

Civil:

Pretrial conferences will be scheduled upon the Court's receipt of an RJI and/or calendar Note of Issue. Pleadings and a brief summary of the case are required in advance of the conference and are to be emailed to pmiles@nycourts.gov three (3) days prior to the conference.

Any request for an adjournment shall be made to the Judge's secretary and confirmation of all adjournments and notice of rescheduled dates must be made in writing to all parties and the Court.

Matrimonial:

Preliminary conferences scheduled pursuant to Matrimonial Rules. One adjournment without Court permission; thereafter, prior consent of the Court required.

TRIAL AND HEARINGS

Counsel is expected to engage in **vigorous efforts** to reach settlement in advance of the trial date so that the jury pool will not be unnecessarily expended. The Court will contact counsel before the trial date to ascertain the status of negotiations.

Adjournments are only with the permission of the Judge. Copies of pleadings, particulars, requests to charge and proposed verdict sheets, and original *in limine* motions, shall be filed 5 business days, and responding papers filed 2 business days, in advance of the trial conference. Requests to charge should be made by PJI number only unless significant additional language is requested (with cited authorities).

Prior to jury selection, counsel are required to exchange names and addresses of witnesses, including expert witnesses. Prior to the commencement of proof, all exhibits are to be marked for identification. Jury selection shall be by the "struck method" (22NYCRR §202.33[f][2], Appendix E[C]).

Special Term Motion Calendar:

2015 **Erie County on the following Monday's at 1:15 p.m.**	**Genesee County on the Following Friday's at 9:30 a.m.**
June 22	June 12
July 13	July 10 & 24
August 24	August 21
September 21	September 25
October 19	October 9 & 23
November 16	November 6 & 20
December 14	December 4 & 18
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Erie County – Please contact Chambers for schedule (716) 845-7260.	**Genesee County on the Following Friday's at 9:30 a.m.**
	January 29
	February 26
	March 18
	April 8 & 22
	May 6 & 20
	June 10 & 24
	July 15 & 29
	August 12 & 26
	September 16 & 30
	October 14 & 28
	November 18
	December 2 & 16