

2022 – Updated

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Please Note the Follow Changes Starting January 1, 2022

- **Kelly Vacco, Esq.** will be the Confidential Law Clerk to the **Hon. Mark J. Grisanti**, she can be reached at: kvacco@nycourts.gov
- **Douglas J. Curella Jr., Esq.** will be the Confidential Law Clerk to the **Hon. Melissa L. Cianfrini**, in Genesee County. I will only be responding to Judge Cianfrini matters after January 1, 2022.

USE OF E-MAIL

This Court utilizes e-mail when scheduling pretrial conferences and other general correspondence. **Do not fax**

SCHEDULING

This Court understands the importance of *your time*, which is why we will start pretrials 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

Arguments will be via Microsoft Teams until further notice.

****To schedule please Send Email and Hard Copy of your Notice of Motion to chambers WITH THE DATE AND TIME LEFT BLANK. Email motions to both: kvacco@nycouyrt.gov and broestel@nycourts.gov ****

To create opportunities for attorneys knowledgeable with the subject matter of the action, and who historically have been underrepresented in the Courtroom, Courtroom participation of such attorneys is strongly encouraged. This could be achieved, for example, by having a less senior attorney, who prepared the brief on the motion, argue the motion before Justice Grisanti. Court requires hard copies of all, motions, orders, and anything that needs to be signed by Justice Grisanti. This includes uncontested matrimonials and QDRO's.

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 seven-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. No Sur Replies are permitted.

Adjournment of motions cannot be more than four weeks in the aggregate without Court permission.

CIVIL CONFERENCES

Pretrial conferences will be scheduled upon the Court's receipt of an RJJ and/or calendar Note of Issue. A **one-page summary** of the case **is required** in advance of the conference and are to be e-mailed to **lsmith2@nycourts.gov** **one week prior to the conference. Do not mail.**

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. Adjournments **will NOT** be granted if request is made within one business day of the conference and/or if the matter is beyond the Court's Standards and Goals.

TRIALS 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 Court. Copies of pleadings, particulars, requests to charge and proposed verdict sheets, and original *in limine* motions, shall be filed five business days, and responding papers filed two business days, in advance of the trial. **Requests to charge should be made by PJI number only unless significant additional language is requested (with cited authorities) along with Proposed Verdict Sheet and must be e-mailed to the Judge's Law Clerk, Kelly Vacco, Esq., at kvacco@nycourts.gov two days before the start of trial.**

Prior to jury selection, counsel is 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.