

**Hon. Mark J. Grisanti  
Supreme Court  
Part 15 – 25 Delaware Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14202**

**Chambers (716) 845-7260  
Courtroom/Mary Pazik (716) 845-9409  
No Faxes Please**

**JUDGE:** Hon. Mark J. Grisanti e-mail to: [mgrisant@nycourts.gov](mailto:mgrisant@nycourts.gov)

**SECRETARY:** Lisa Smith e-mail to: [lsmith2@nycourts.gov](mailto:lsmith2@nycourts.gov)

**COURT CLERK:** Mary Pazik e-mail to: [mpazik@nycourts.gov](mailto:mpazik@nycourts.gov)

#### **USE OF E-MAIL**

This Court utilizes e-mail when scheduling pretrial conferences and other general correspondence. **DO NOT FAX**

**NAME CHANGES AND FORECLOSURES** - Any questions please email: [lsmith2@nycourts.gov](mailto:lsmith2@nycourts.gov)

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**The Court does not accept, does not receive notice of and does not review correspondence filed on NYSCEF.** Correspondence directed to the Court is to be to the Court's Secretary, Lisa Smith, either attached to an email ([lsmith2@nycourts.gov](mailto:lsmith2@nycourts.gov)) or a mailed hard copy.

#### **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 – EXCEPT Order to Show Cause matters will be in person.**

**\*\*To schedule please Mail/Hand Deliver a Hard Copy of your Notice of Motion with all accompanying documents to chambers WITH THE DATE AND TIME LEFT BLANK.**

**Additionally, please Mail/Hand Deliver a Hard Copy of all Proposed Orders.\*\***

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 RJl 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. Follow Scheduling Order regarding same.**

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. **Follow Scheduling Order.**

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

If you are using Artificial Intelligence please be aware of the following:

(A) "Artificial intelligence" or "AI" means the capability of computer systems or algorithms to imitate intelligent human behavior.

(B) "Generative artificial intelligence" or "Generative AI" means artificial intelligence that is capable of generating new content (such as images or text) in response to a submitted prompt (such as a query) by learning from a large reference database of examples.

(C) If generative AI is used to compose or draft any paper presented for filing, the filer must disclose its use and attest that citations of authority have been verified by a human being by using print volumes or traditional legal databases and that the language in the paper has been checked for accuracy by the filer.