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**CONFERENCES**

A preliminary conference will be held within forty-five (45) days after the Court receives a filed RJI. All conferences will be held with either the Judge or the Law Clerk and will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams unless otherwise directed by the Court. Appearances by telephone are not permitted without the Court's explicit permission.

**MATRIMONIAL CONFERENCES**

Pursuant to 22 NYCRR 202.12(b), the preliminary conference must be held within forty-five (45) days after filing of the RJI. **Attendance by counsel and the parties/clients is mandatory at the preliminary conference.** At least one (1) week prior to the scheduled preliminary conference, the Court must receive a DRL § 236(b) Affidavit from both parties.

The Court will address temporary support and the automatic stays at the preliminary conference. Counsel should refrain from bringing a motion or order to show cause for such relief prior to the completion of the conference. Counsel should be prepared to discuss issues of *pendente lite* relief.

**MOTIONS / ORDERS TO SHOW CAUSE**

Motions and Orders to Show Cause shall be heard every second and fourth Tuesday of the month and **will be held in person** unless oral argument is waived upon agreement by all parties.

All papers must be filed electronically through NYSCEF to be considered by the Court. Pursuant to 22 NYCRR 202.7, counsel for the moving party must affirm they have conferred with counsel for the opposing party in a good faith effort to resolve the issues raised in the motion. Counsel must comply with the time requirements set forth in CPLR § 2214 when serving moving, opposing, and reply papers unless otherwise and specifically authorized by the Court with consent of opposing counsel.

With respect to motions concerning discovery disputes, the moving party seeking discovery **must** document at least two (2) written good faith efforts made with opposing counsel prior to the filing of such motions.

In matrimonial actions, any motion seeking financial relief **must** attach the moving party's DRL § 236(b) Affidavit.

### **ADJOURNMENTS**

Adjournments are granted with consent of opposing counsel. However, if counsel refuses, the Court has a liberal adjournment policy, and motions made within the minimum time limits of the CPLR may be granted an adjournment upon request, even if opposed. Adjournment requests should be made by email to Patty Hanavan [phanavan@nycourts.gov](mailto:phanavan@nycourts.gov) and Shayna Gorski [sgorski@nycourts.gov](mailto:sgorski@nycourts.gov). Please do not electronically file requests for adjournments on NYSCEF.

### **TRIALS AND HEARINGS**

The Court adheres strictly to its trial calendar. Hearings and trial may be adjourned by the Judge only, and only by a showing of compelling circumstances during a pretrial conference convened to address that specific issue. All trials and hearings will be held in person.