



## Dr. MLK, Jr. Day



Our Court will be closed this Monday, January 20, 2025, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

We recognize all that Dr. King contributed to the Civil Rights Movement and the advancement of equal rights for people of all races in our country.

We hope to embody his mission of upholding justice in all the work we do in the Fourth Circuit Court. May we continue to fight for equality for all people!

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## Inclement Weather

Thanks to the snow, we had an exciting week last week! We hope you all stayed safe and warm in the winter wonderland. As a reminder, you may stay up to date on Court operations by visiting our website's **Updates and Announcements** page or any of our (new) social media accounts for any updates. You may click the handles and/or icons to view those pages:



**Website**



**Judge Stephanie J. Williams**



**@JudgeStephanieJWilliams**



**@JudgeSJWilliams**

## Chamber Rules

Our Chamber Rules are now official! **As of January 15, 2025, the Fourth Circuit Court's Chamber Rules are in full effect.** All orders, motions, and interactions with the Court should comply with the rules outlined in the new document. You may view the rules in two places:



On the Fourth Circuit Court's Resources Page, which can be found by clicking here: **Resources**, or by scanning this QR code:



On the Court Clerk's Office under Judge Stephanie J. William's Chamber Rules and Updates Page, which can be found by clicking here: **Circuit Court Clerk**, or by scanning this QR code:



Additionally, you may find print outs of **Fourth Circuit's Courtroom Decorum** and **Friday Motion Docket Zoom Instructions**. These documents are helpful references for you and your clients. We advise that every attorney provides their clients with a copy of our Courtroom Decorum before appearing in court.

If you would like an overview of the rules, please email **rebekahlharalson@jishnashville.gov** for a link to the recording of the Fourth Circuit Court's CLE from December 18, 2024, which addressed many rule-related questions.

**Share**

Our Updates and Announcements and Chamber Rules are for everyone. Please feel free to share with your staff, clients, and anyone else who may have an interest. Anyone who would like to be added to the email list may contact Bekah Haralson at: **rebekahlharalson@jishnashville.gov**.

## Student Law Clerks

Joining us this semester at the Fourth Circuit Court are two Student Law Clerks! Please welcome Sydney Scoble and Taylor Jordan who will be with us for the next few months.



Originally from Ocala, Florida, Sydney Scoble graduated from Florida State University with a degree in Criminology. Currently, she is a third-year law student at Belmont University College of Law where she is the president of the Family Law Society. This semester she will be assisting Special Master Menke in prepping for adoption dockets and *pro se* divorce motion dockets. In her free time, Ms. Scoble enjoys playing pickleball with her friends!

Originally from Middle Tennessee, Taylor Jordan graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2019 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Mr. Jordan is currently a third-year law student at Nashville School of Law. He will be helping with the *pro se* agreed divorce docket and assisting Mr. David Martin in prepping the Irreconcilable Differences Divorce Docket this Spring.

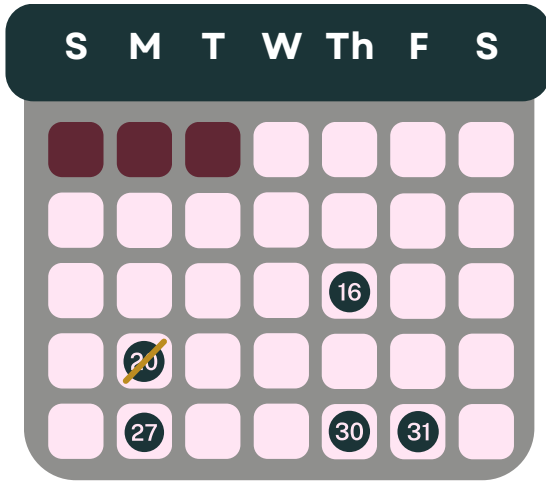


## Questions?

Should you have any questions regarding anything contained in this memorandum or any matters of the Court, please feel free to contact us at: 615-862-5910 or by emailing [rebekahharalson@jnsnashville.gov](mailto:rebekahharalson@jnsnashville.gov) and stay tuned for more updates.

# Calendar

Check out the list below for important Court dates for the next three months.



## January

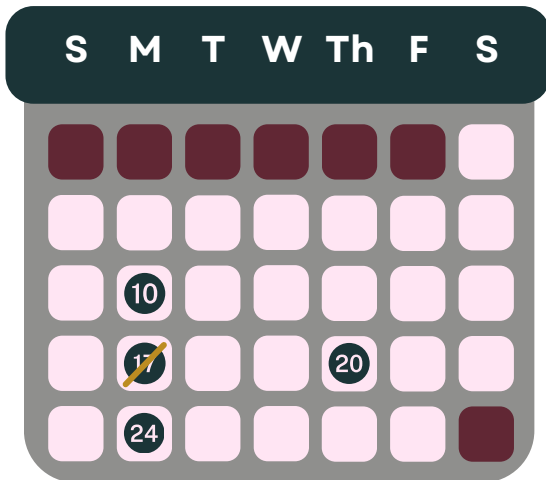
**January 16:** No Show Cause, Contempt, or OP Rehearing Docket.

**January 20:** Office closed for MLK, Jr., Holiday.

**January 27:** Adoption Docket.

**January 30:** No Show Cause, Contempt, or OP Rehearing Docket.

**January 31:** No Motion Docket.



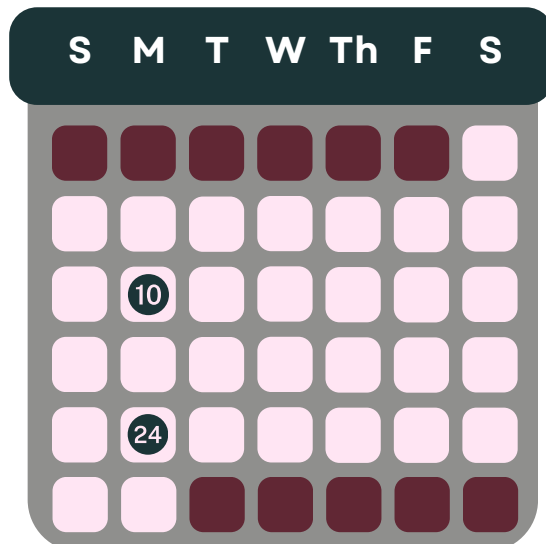
## February

**February 10:** Adoption Docket.

**February 17:** Office Closed for President's Day.

**February 20:** Status Docket for pending termination and adoption cases.

**February 24:** Adoption Docket.



## March

**March 10:** Adoption Docket.

**March 24:** Adoption Docket.