



FAMILY MATTERS

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT



UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT

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HAPPY NEW YEAR AND THANK YOU

Happy New Year! We are so thankful for all the support that poured in last year during such a big transition for the Fourth Circuit Court. Our staff is energized and encouraged as we enter a new year of serving the families of Davidson County and improving this Court every single day.

Additionally, we would like to thank everyone who provided our office with delicious treats and generous gifts during the holiday season. Thank you for bringing festivity and joy to our staff!



WHAT TO DO IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER



As temperatures are dropping and flurries are coming in, there is a chance inclement weather could affect the functionality of our Court, *even as early as this Friday, January 10*. Decisions to close the Court for inclement weather will be made on a case-by-case basis and in consultation with the Presiding Judge of the Davidson County Trial Court Judges. Notices of Court closure in these instances will be posted to our website on the [Updates and Announcements](#) page and on our social media pages. Scan the QR code to view the website or see the following page to learn more about our socials.

A decision regarding the Court's operations for this Friday will be made by the end of business on Thursday, January 9, via social media, email blast, and a website announcement.

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WEBSITE

WE HAVE SOCIALS!

Interested in finding the most up-to-date information on Family Matters in the Fourth Circuit Court? We are now on social media! Check us out for updates about our Court, newsletter postings, exciting announcements, Court closures, and more. Like, share, and follow us today!



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INTRODUCING OUR STUDENT “WINTERIM” INTERN

This week, we welcomed Cailin Rork, a senior at Harpeth Hall, to our office as a Student “Winterim” Intern. She will be with us for the next three weeks assisting in administrative duties and learning the ropes of Family Court. If you see her, be sure to give her a warm welcome!

WEBSITE REMINDERS

We have a website! In addition to providing important information regarding our Court, including, but not limited to, staff information, contact details, newsletters, and our Chamber Rules, this site also provides a Court calendar and online scheduling function. If you have an Irreconcilable Differences or Default Divorce or an Uncontested or Default Adoption that needs to be scheduled for a final hearing, the calendar may be utilized to check available dates and the form may be used to schedule those dates.

If you would like more information on how to navigate this website, you may email rebekahharalson@jnsnashville.gov for a link to a recording of the December 18th CLE which provides an overview of website functionality.



To view the website, you may click on this link: [Fourth Circuit Website](#), or scan the QR code:

WEBSITE

CHAMBER RULES REMINDER

Remember: the new Chamber Rules will be effective January 15, 2025. If you want to get a jump start on familiarizing yourself with the rules, you may view the Sneak Peek rules found below. The rules cover what to include on orders and motions, how to schedule final hearing dates, and more. If you have a question about processes or procedures, we recommend using the Chamber Rules as a starting point. You may find the Sneak Peek version by clicking this link to our website: [Updates and Announcements](#) or by scanning the following QR code:



If you would like more information on the specifics of the Rules, you may email rebekahharalson@jnsnashville.gov for a link to a recording of the December 18th CLE which provides an overview of the Rules.

RULE 40A, MEDIATOR, AND INDIGENT APPOINTMENT

There are many cases our Court hears that require a Rule 40A Guardian Ad Litem, mediator, or representation for indigent litigants. If you would like to be added to our list of attorneys for appointment in one or all of these roles, please click [here](#) or scan the QR code to the right to fill out the sign-up form. Your willingness to be added to this list is greatly appreciated!



SIGN UP

SHARE

Our Updates and Announcements 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@jnsnashville.gov.

CALENDAR

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

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	13			16		
	20					
	27			30	31	

January 13: First Adoption Docket of 2025.

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

January 20: Court closed for MLK Holiday.

January 27: Adoption Docket.

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

January 31: No Motion Docket.

FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	10					
	17			20	21	
	24					

February 10: Adoption Docket.

February 17: Office Closed for President's Day.

February 20: No Show Cause, Contempt, or OP Rehearing Docket.

February 21: No Motion Docket.

February 24: Adoption Docket.

MARCH

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
	10					
	24					

March 10: Adoption Docket.

March 24: Adoption Docket.