



**FAMILY MATTERS**  
IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT

UPDATES AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
FOR THE FOURTH  
CIRCUIT COURT

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**FELIZ CLE**

A HUGE thank you to everyone who came to the Fourth Circuit Court CLE: Introducing the New Fourth Circuit Court. We had a great time discussing our new website and reviewing the Sneak Peek of our Chamber Rules. We greatly appreciated the thoughtful questions and comments shared, which provided valuable insights as we finalize the rules in the coming weeks. We look forward to hosting more CLE programs in the future. Thank you again for such a strong first one!

If you would like a copy of the recording of this event and have not already been sent one, please email [rebekahlharalson@jisnashville.gov](mailto:rebekahlharalson@jisnashville.gov) and she would be happy to provide you with one.



## HARK! THE FOURTH CIRCUIT STAFF COOKS AND SLEIGHS!

In the words of Mariah Carey, IT'S TIME! The holidays are here and our staff is feeling the holiday spirit. Yesterday, we celebrated the season by participating in some good old-fashioned competition: cook-off edition! Thank you, Judge Williams, for bringing us together and making this season extra special for our team.



Winning team: Green Team (go figure).



What better way to celebrate the final Friday Motion Docket of 2024 than by donning our favorite ugly Christmas sweaters? That's exactly what our staff did! We wish you all a joyful holiday season filled with time spent with loved ones, plenty of rest, and delicious food. Happy holidays!

## CHAMBER RULES ARE COMING TO TOWN

Last week, we released a sneak peek of our Chamber Rules in order for you to familiarize yourself with them until they are in full effect on January 15th. A final version of the rules will be released in early January. These rules are intended to make practicing in our Court easier and more efficient. You may view a “Sneak Peek” of the document by clicking this link: [Chamber Rules Sneak Peek Link](#) or by scanning the following QR code:



## JOY TO THE WORLD WIDE WEB

Our new website is the landing page for everything Fourth Circuit Court, so take some time to familiarize yourself with its features, including online scheduling, updates and announcements, question forms, and more. Working during the holidays? The website can be used to schedule final hearings for ID and Default Divorces and Uncontested and Default Adoptions while our office is closed. You may view the website [here](#) or by scanning the QR code:





## O COME, O COME, EMERGENCY PLAN

Our office will be closed from December 23, 2024, through January 1, 2025. The Court staff will not be available during this time. In the case of an emergency, you may dial 9-1-1 or seek assistance at Night Court, which is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## RULE 40A, MEDIATOR, AND INDIGENT APPOINTMENTS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

There are many cases our Court hears that require a Guardian Ad Litem, mediator, or representation for indigent litigants. If you, or someone you know, would like to be added to our list of attorneys that we may appoint as one of these roles, please fill out the form at this link: [Appointment Form](#) or by scanning the QR code:



Your willingness to be added to this list is greatly appreciated!

## ROCKING AROUND THE CALENDAR

Check out the list below for important Court dates from now until the new year.

### DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	9					
	16		18	19	20	
	<del>23</del>	<del>24</del>	<del>25</del>	<del>26</del>	<del>27</del>	
	<del>30</del>	<del>31</del>	<del>1</del>			

**December 20:** Last Motion Docket of the year.

**December 23--January 1:** Court closed for the holidays.

### JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	13			16		
	<del>20</del>					
	27			30	31	

**January 1:** Court Closed for New Year's Day holiday.

**January 2:** Office open, TRO hearings only.

**January 3:** First Motion Docket of 2025.

**January 13:** First Adoption Docket of 2025.

**January 16:** No Show Cause Docket.

**January 20:** Court closed for MLK Holiday.

**January 27:** Adoption Docket

**January 30:** No Show Cause Docket.

**January 31:** No Motion Docket.



## GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN...

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...that 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@jisnashville.gov](mailto:RebekahLHaralson@jisnashville.gov). 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 and stay tuned for more updates.

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**JUDGE WILLIAMS AND THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT STAFF**