



# FAMILY MATTERS

IN THE FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT

UPDATES AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
FOR THE FOURTH  
CIRCUIT COURT

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## DONELSON-HERMITAGE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Our staff had a wonderful time celebrating the Holiday season at the annual Donelson-Hermitage Christmas Parade. There was a great turnout, and we greatly enjoyed wishing everyone who came Happy Holidays. Thank you to the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce for planning such a joyful event!

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## CHAMBER RULES SNEAK PEEK

The wait is almost over: **The Fourth Circuit Chamber Rules are nearing completion.** We are giving you a “sneak peek” of our latest draft as we continue to work on a few final touches.

These rules are intended to make practicing in our Court easier and more efficient.

You are encouraged to familiarize yourself with the rules which will take effect on **January 15, 2025**, after the release of the final version. We are excited to present these Chamber Rules to you at the upcoming CLE on December 18th and answer any questions you may have.

You may view the document by clicking this link: [Chamber Rules Sneak Peek](#) or by scanning the following QR code:



## FOURTH CIRCUIT WEBSITE!

Drumroll please... **we have a new website!** This site is where you can find important information regarding our Court, including, but not limited to, staff information and contact details, newsletters, the Court calendar, AND our new online hearing scheduling form. Information on how to navigate the new site—including how to schedule hearings online—will be provided at the Fourth Circuit CLE on December 18th. You may view the website [here](#) or by scanning the QR code:



## FOURTH CIRCUIT CLE REMINDERS

Thank you all for your excitement and interest in our upcoming CLE. If you registered for this event, you will receive an email this week with confirmation of your registration and next steps.

As a reminder, the in-person option of the event is FULL. If you still wish to attend this event, here are your options:

❄️ **You may be placed on the waiting list.** Register for the event as an in-person attendee and you will receive an email confirming your placement on the list. If there are last-minute cancellations, we will inform you of your ability to attend; otherwise, we will send a link for you to participate via Zoom.

❄️ **You may register to attend this event via Zoom.**

❄️ **After the event, a link will be provided to view a recording online asynchronously.**

❄️ While the virtual and asynchronous options cannot offer CLE credit due to technicalities beyond our control, they offer the same information regarding the new Fourth Circuit Court.

Please register for the event and indicate the option you prefer by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code:



Additionally, there will be an allotted 30-minute lunch time. Those attending in person may order and pay for an optional catered boxed lunch from Apple Spice [here](#) or by scanning the QR code:



For more information on this event, you may view the flyer [here](#).



## CALENDAR

Check out the list below for important Court dates from now into January:

### DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					6	
	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 16:** Last Adoption Docket of the year.

**December 18:** Fourth Circuit Court CLE.

**December 19:** Last ID, Default, and Show Cause Docket of the year.

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

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

### JANUARY

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			<del>1</del>	2	3	
	13			16		
	<del>20</del>					
	27			30	31	

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

**January 2:** Office open, no dockets.

**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.



## RULE 40A, MEDIATOR, AND INDIGENT APPOINTMENT

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 to one of these roles, please fill out the form by clicking the following link: [Appointment Form](#). You may also scan the following QR code:



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

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](mailto:RebekahLHaralson@jnsnashville.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.

**Have a great week!**  
**Judge Williams and the Fourth Circuit Court Staff**

