

Judge Ariana E. Heath

Policies and Procedures

Judicial Administrative Secretary:	Kristen Abt	kabt@geneseecountymi.gov
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Domestic Court Clerk:	Annette Tolbert	810-341-7674
Juvenile Court Clerk:	Leslie Miracle	810-257-3510

Juvenile Procedures and Practice Information

Domestic Cases

Motion Policy: Judge's copies are required on all motions and responses. Please place the date of your motion on the front page of the judge's copy. Motions will be scheduled via zoom, but parties may appear in person if already in the courthouse.

Motion Adjournment Policy: The moving party may adjourn a motion twice without re-filing. A stipulation and order to adjourn will be required and a reason must be given. Please contact the judicial office or court clerk in advance. Adjournments the day of the motion may be granted, provided notice is given to judicial staff.

Motion Day Schedule

Monday

8:30am	Domestic judgments and referee objections
9:00am	Name changes, domestic motions, child support and show causes
1:30pm	Minor guardianship hearings
3:30pm	FOC matters

Tuesday

8:30am PPO matters. PPO hearings, violations and motions will be heard during domestic trial week (in person).

9:00am Mandatory Settlement Conference. MSC will be heard every week (via zoom or in person).

Wednesday

8:30am Adoption matters

Friday

1:30 FOC bench warrant arraignments

Non-Jury Trials: Conducted Wednesday through Friday of the domestic term. All trials will be conducted in person. Requests for experts or other witnesses to testify via video conferencing will be taken on a case-by-case basis and must be addressed prior to the trial date. Schedule includes evidentiary hearings on divorce, post-judgment motions, show cause hearings, and de novo hearings on referee recommendations. Domestic cases involving child related issues will be given priority. Adjournments will be for good cause only and stipulated orders must be provided in advance.

Ex-parte orders: Ex-parte orders will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Orders must be accompanied by a verified motion and comply with court rules.

Juvenile Cases

Child Protective Proceedings and Delinquency Petitions

Tuesday

1:30pm Contested pre-trials and motions

Trials: Conducted Wednesday through Friday of the juvenile term (in person).