



Judge John A. Gadola Policies & Procedures

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Judicial Procedures and Practice

Domestic Cases

Motion Adjournment Policy	Moving party may adjourn a motion three times without re-noticing. Contact judicial office in advance or the court clerk on the day that the motion is scheduled.
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Monday Matters

9:00 a.m.	Judgments
9:30 a.m.	Name changes & Emancipations
10:00 a.m.	FOC matters & Referee Objections
10:30 a.m.	PPO
11:00 a.m.	Show Cause & Review Hearings
1:30 p.m.	All temporary domestic motions

Divorce with Minor Children (DM)

Mandatory Settlement Conference	Scheduled approximately 4 months after the filing of the complaint. Counsel and parties must appear. Adjournments only for good cause. Stipulation to order of adjournment required. At the time of the mandatory settlement conference, the court expects that the parties will have exchanged proposed judgments.
Non-Jury Trials	Wednesday – Friday of the domestic term. Scheduled after the mandatory settlement conference. Counsel and parties must appear. Adjournments only for good cause. Stipulation to order of adjournment

	required. The parties must exhaust all efforts to negotiate a settlement before the Court will begin a trial.
Waiver of Statutory Waiting Period	The Court will consider waiver of the time period on a case-by-case basis.
Ex parte Orders	Considered on a case-by-case basis
	Divorce without Minor Children (DO)
Mandatory Settlement Conference	Scheduled approximately 2 months after the filing of the complaint. Counsel and parties must appear. Adjournments only for good cause. Stipulation to order of adjournment required. At the time of the mandatory settlement conference, the court expects that the parties will have exchanged proposed judgments.
Non-Jury Trials	Wednesday – Friday of the domestic term. Scheduled after the mandatory settlement conference. Counsel and parties must appear. Adjournments only for good cause. Stipulation to order of adjournment required. The parties must exhaust all efforts to negotiate a settlement before the Court will begin a trial.
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FOC Bench Warrant Arraignments	Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.

Juvenile Cases

Child Protective Proceedings and Delinquency Petitions

Contested Pre-Trials and Motions	Tuesdays, Child Protective proceedings	9:00 a.m.
	Delinquency Petitions	9:00 a.m.
Trials	Wednesday – Friday of the juvenile term	9:00 a.m.
Specialty Court	Juvenile Drug Court	
	Wednesday	3:30 p.m.