**Update May 26, 2021:**

**Court Operations in the Domestic Relations Division**

At the courthouse, we are following the new guidance from the Ohio Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control allowing vaccinated individuals to remove masks. Please note that those individuals who are not vaccinated are required to wear masks and socially distance. We are continuing to follow our previously implemented measures to protect everyone in the building.

* Hand sanitizer is readily available at the courthouse entrance and elsewhere in the building.
* Court staff members are monitoring their health daily, and they are not permitted to come to the courthouse if they are ill.

If you are feeling ill, please stay home rather than coming to the courthouse.

The following changes for hearings in the Domestic Relations Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County will be implemented on July 6, 2021.

**Judge Randall D. Fuller Hearing Procedures:**

 **July 6, 2021**

* I am happy to announce that beginning Tuesday, July 6, 2021, the Domestic Relations Division will return to in-person pre-trials, final pre-trials, evidentiary hearings, and trials.
* For cases falling on or after July 6, 2021, a blanket Judgment Entry will issue converting any pre-trials, final pre-trials, evidentiary hearings, and trials from Zoom to in-person appearances at the Courthouse.  We will announce when the blanket Judgment Entry is filed.  This will mean that any pre-trial, final pre-trial, evidentiary hearing, or trial scheduled for July 6, 2021 or after, will be in person here at the Courthouse.
* We understand that even with several weeks advance notice, you and your clients may still need some flexibility in your calendar to appear in person instead of by Zoom.  This will be handled on a case-by-case basis with the magistrate assigned to the case or with Judge Fuller if no magistrate is assigned.

**Until July 6, 2021**

* Until July 6, 2021, if you have an evidentiary hearing or trial scheduled and the Court determines an in-person evidentiary hearing is necessary, you will be notified specifically about your case going forward in person instead of by Zoom. We anticipate most cases between now and July 6, 2021 remaining on Zoom.
* **Ongoing - Other types of Hearings and Conferences**

Other types of conferences will remain on Zoom ongoing, regardless of the July 6 date (i.e. dissolutions, testimony in settled matters if the parties are not already present in court, acknowledgments on memoranda of agreement, scheduling conferences, status conferences, attorneys-only conferences, appearances from jail or prison, etc.).

* **Other information**

As these changes impact everyone, July 6 is being utilized as a future date to provide you with plenty of advance notice and a clear timeframe in which to manage your schedule.

You are welcome to be on Level 400, as needed, for miscellaneous items (e.g. drop off courtesy copies).

We remain committed to protecting both public health and equal access to justice as we navigate the challenges posed by the coronavirus. Please contact our offices about any questions or concerns.

Randall D. Fuller, Judge