

HOCKING COUNTY
COMMON PLEAS COURT

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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, HOCKING COUNTY, OHIO
GENERAL DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF: : ^{20MS0085}
DOMESTIC RELATIONS : **MISCELLANEOUS DOCKET**
AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS : **JUDGE JOHN T. WALLACE**
DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS : **MAGISTRATE WENDA SHEARD**

JUDGMENT ENTRY

Ohio Supreme Court has partnered with experts from the Ohio Department of Health to update and expand the Judicial Guide to Public Health. The most recent version of that guide, released on January 23, 2020, contains recommendations for allowing remote appearances of individuals in court hearings. See CHAPTER VI. JUDICIAL OPERATIONS DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, Section G. Remote Appearance of Individuals and Telecommunication Preparedness of the Court of the Guide located here:

<http://www.sc.ohio.gov/Publications/JCS/PublicHealthJudicialGuide.pdf>

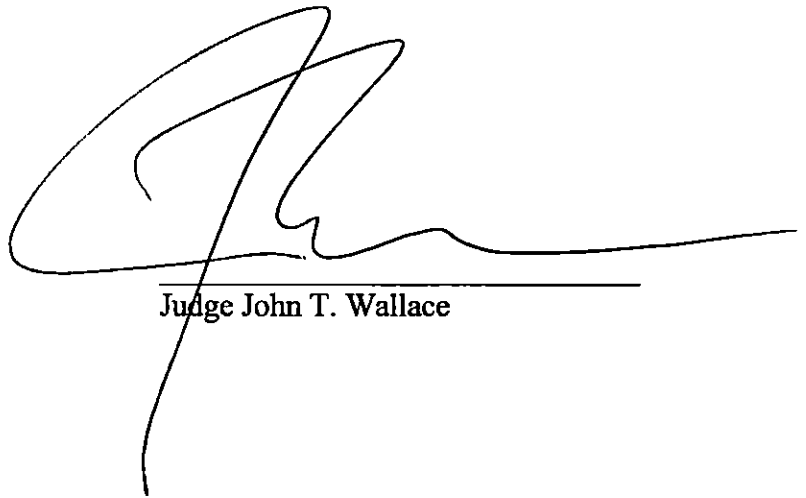
At this time, all pretrial, non-evidentiary proceedings in the Hocking County Common Pleas Court before the Domestic Relations Magistrate will be by telephone. Those proceedings to be conducted by telephone include: pretrial conferences, settlement conferences, status conferences, and guardian ad litem conferences. The Magistrate will initiate those proceedings by calling the attorneys of record at the number in their signature block in the court file, unless

another number is provided in advance. If a party is representing themselves, the party must provide the court's office with their phone number at least a day in advance of the pretrial proceeding. Until further notice, *in camera* interviews of children will continue to be conducted in person.

Until further notice, Judge Wallace will continue to conduct all proceedings in the large Hocking County Common Pleas courtroom, which provides ample space for distancing between participants.

As we learn more about the Covid-19 crisis, additional orders relative to proceedings in the Hocking County Common Pleas Court, General Division may follow.

It is SO ORDERED.

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Judge John T. Wallace

Approved:

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Magistrate Wenda Sheard