

June 26, 2020

RE: PFA Scheduling

Until further notice, 2nd abuse hearings will be scheduled every half hour during abuse time with the first one starting at 8:30. This is the same procedure that has been used for May and June. First abuses will continue to be scheduled at 10:00 a.m. At this time, Wise Options first abuses will still be held via zoom. For the most part, this has worked out well. It keeps the number of people outside the courtroom down and also (hopefully) lessens the time that an attorney is here for a PFA. It also appears that the attorneys have been reaching out to each other or the other party in advance to talk about resolution. This has been very helpful and the Courts hopes that this will continue. There have been some glitches along the way.....every case of the morning settles except the 11:30 and we then have to go in to the lunch hour or do not finish.....unfortunately that is just how things go at times with the court hearings. For the most part, however, this seems to be the exception not the rule.

If you have any feedback on how the new way of scheduling is going, please feel free to share it with me (the good and the bad). The Courts will continue to monitor this and continue to make adjustments as needed.

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