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## CHAPTER 1

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### 1.015 DEFINITIONS

These definitions are intended to clarify terms used in these rules.

- (1) **Abated Cases** are those cases placed under a two-year stay order by the Court on the basis of activity external to the case which would have an effect on the outcome or conduct of the case.
- (2) **Call** refers to the trial and show-cause docketing system whereby a case is called and assigned to a judge on the judicial day immediately preceding the date of the actual hearing or trial.
- (3) **“Judicial Days”** means calendar days excluding: Saturday and legal holidays, including Sunday, as defined in ORS 187.010 and 187.020, and any day on which a court is closed by order of the Presiding Judge or the Chief Justice.
- (4) **Confirmation Cards** are standard-sized, stamped, and addressed US postcards which are to be attached to any filing if signing or filing information is requested. They shall be filled out by the submitting party to allow the Court to provide the information the submitting party desires.
- (5) Definitions set out in UTCR 1.110 are incorporated by this reference and apply in these rules.

#### 1.025 APPLICATION TO CIRCUIT COURT AND DEPARTMENTS

These rules apply to matters within the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court for Multnomah County and all departments of the Circuit Court.

#### 1.035 CREDIT CARDS

Credit cards may be used and fees assessed as provided by ORS 1.005, except that a credit card may not be used under ORS 135.265 for paying a security amount or posting a security deposit for a criminal action.

#### 1.151 HOURS FOR THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS, WHEN DOCUMENTS MAY BE RECEIVED TO BE FILED

- (1) The court is open for the conduct of business each judicial day from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and, in addition, judicial proceedings may be held at other times and on other days when required by the court for the conduct of its business and upon notice to the parties required to appear.

(2) Documents which do not require the payment of a fee prior to filing may be received for filing from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm each judicial day in the appropriate division of the Office of the Trial Court Administrator. Documents which require the payment of a fee prior to filing may be presented to a cashier or left in a drop box, together with payment or an order authorizing the deferral or waiver of the fee, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm each judicial day in the appropriate division of the Office of the Trial Court Administrator. Upon satisfaction of the fee, the document will be received for filing. No document will be received for filing or filed except as provided in this rule.

**1.161 DIVISIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR  
WHERE DOCUMENTS ARE RECEIVED FOR FILING**

(1) The Office of the Trial Court Administrator receives documents for filing in the following divisions. In the Multnomah County Courthouse: the divisions are Civil, including Small Claims and FED, Domestic Relations, Probate, Traffic, Parking and Criminal. In the Juvenile Justice Complex: all Juvenile matters. In the Gresham Court Facility: Criminal, Traffic and Small Claims matters filed in that court location. Documents should be delivered to the appropriate division for filing.

(2) Documents delivered by mail to the court, or left in the court's mail room for delivery, will be received for filing when delivered in the normal course of distribution of documents from the mail room to the appropriate division of the Office of the Trial Court Administrator. If a fee is required to be paid prior to filing of a document, then filing may occur only if the fee is satisfied. In all other cases, filing will be accomplished on the date the documents are distributed to the appropriate division.

(3) Documents transmitted directly to the clerk's office by facsimile transmission (FAX) will not be received for filing.

(4) The street address for the downtown courthouse is:

Multnomah County Courthouse  
1021 SW Fourth Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204-1123

Addresses for other court locations are as follows:

Justice Center  
Third Floor  
1120 SW Third Avenue  
Portland, Oregon

Judge Kristena LaMar  
Portland Building  
1120 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 1520  
Portland, Oregon

Juvenile Justice Center  
1401 NE 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Portland, OR 97213

Gresham Justice Center  
150 W Powell  
Gresham, OR 97030

**1.165 NOTICE TO TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED FOR ORDERS TO SEAL A FILE, TRANSFER MONEY TO OR FROM AN INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNT, A JUDICIAL EXTENSION OF A RECORD RETENTION PERIOD, OR DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED UNDER SEAL**

(1) If at any time in a civil, domestic relations or probate case, a party requests an order which requires the trial court administrator to seal a file, transfer money into or remove money from an interest bearing account, or for the judicial extension of a record retention period, the party must give notice to the trial court administrator of the motion. Notice must be in writing, signed by the attorney or party, and a copy of the submitted form of order must be attached to the notice.

(2) When the court permits documents to be submitted for filing under seal of the court, the documents should be filed in 9 X 12 inch sealed envelope and be labeled on the face (address) side of the envelope with the case caption, case number, and the title of the documents (i.e. Response to Motion to Compel Discovery and Affidavit). The envelope should be marked clearly on both sides "Documents Under Seal of the Court." Larger envelopes may be used for bulky documents.

**1.171 WEB ADDRESS**

<http://courts.oregon.gov/Multnomah>

## CHAPTER 2

### STANDARDS FOR PLEADING AND DOCUMENTS

#### 2.015 RETURN OF A DOCUMENT TO PARTY

(1) In addition to the authority to decline to receive or file a document under ORCP 9 E and UTCR 2.010(12)(c), in certain limited situations, a document may be returned to the party who submitted it, without being filed by the court. Those situations include:

- (a) A document with an existing case number and case caption from another jurisdiction, unless filed pursuant to an order signed by a judge allowing a change of venue or authorizing the filing on some other basis;
- (b) A document which requires a fee but the fee or an order to waive or defer such fee is not provided and the fee requirement has not been satisfied;
- (c) A document without sufficient identifying information to determine in which case it should be filed or entered;
- (d) A document which requires court action, but the court action cannot be taken without the filing of statutorily-required preceding documents;
- (e) A document with a case caption from a jurisdiction not recognized by the Oregon Constitution or established by the Oregon Legislature, or a judgment or decree purportedly issued by a nonexistent court;
- (f) A petition submitted for filing under ORS 813.210 more than 30 days after the first appearance on the summons where there is no finding of good cause by the court to permit the late filing;
- (g) A document submitted for filing by facsimile transmission (FAX); and,
- (h) As provided in SLR 13.225, a written notice of appeal and request for trial de novo of an arbitration award submitted for filing beyond the time permitted by law.

(2) In small claims and summary dissolution cases, documents which do not comply with ORS, ORCP, UTCR, or SLR may, at the discretion of the Presiding Judge, be returned to the filing party.

(3) A pleading document which begins an action, and which is filed in this court and given a Multnomah County Circuit Court case number, will not be returned to a filing party even though the document may have a caption for another circuit court and was filed in error by the filing party.

**2.025 FEE DEFERRALS OR WAIVERS IN CIVIL ACTIONS**

Fee deferral or waiver applications in civil actions shall be submitted to the Presiding Judge or designee.

**2.035 DESIGNATION OF KNOWN PARTIES BY FICTITIOUS NAME**

In civil actions, the designation of a known party by a name other than the party's true name shall be allowed only upon an order of the court. If ordered, the designation of such party shall be by use of such party's initials or a fictitious name other than "Jane Doe" or "John Doe". The name "Jane Doe" or "John Doe" is reserved to be used for a party whose identity is unknown and the party is being designated as provided in ORCP 20 H.

**2.045 REQUIREMENTS OF PETITION FOR WAY OF NECESSITY ACTION**

The petition for establishing a way of necessity must contain either in the caption under the name of each respondent or in the first paragraph of the Petition, the mailing address of each person named as respondent therein.

**2.055 SECURITY DEPOSIT TO BE PAID ON FILING OF PETITION FOR WAY OF NECESSITY ACTION**

At the time of filing a petition for a way of necessity action, the petitioner shall post a bond or security deposit with the court of \$500 for the purposes of ORS 376.200 (4) and (5).

**2.065 APPOINTMENT OF INVESTIGATOR; FILING AND SERVICE OF REPORT**

(1) Upon the filing of a Petition for determination of a way of necessity pursuant to ORS 376.150 et seq., petitioner shall appear before the Presiding Judge at ex parte and present a motion for an Order Appointing Investigator under ORS 376.200(5).

(2) The affidavit in support of the motion shall reflect the amount of the bond or security deposit posted by the petitioner for payment of the investigator, and that the petitioner is prepared to pay the amount of any deficiency as required by ORS 376.200 (5). The court may set a higher amount to be posted by the petitioner. A motion will not be allowed until the full bond or security deposit set by the court is posted.

(3) The submitted form of Order Appointing Investigator shall reflect the name, address and telephone number of the investigator requested to be appointed by the court, specify the date, within 90 days, on which the investigator must file the report with the court, and state that the investigator shall file the original report with the court, and send a copy to the Petitioner.

(4) A copy of the motion, affidavit and submitted form of Order Appointing Investigator shall be served, along with the Petition, upon the respondents.

## CHAPTER 3

### DECORUM IN PROCEEDINGS

#### **3.171 LOCAL ATTORNEY AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD**

The local attorney under UTCR 3.170 (1) (c) will be designated as the attorney of record for the represented party, unless otherwise specifically ordered by the court.

#### **3.181 PUBLIC ACCESS COVERAGE IN AREAS OUTSIDE OF COURTROOMS**

In facilities occupied by the court, public access coverage in areas outside of courtrooms, other than the Jury Assembly Room when jurors are in attendance and the Juvenile Justice Center, is permitted only with the prior approval of the Presiding Judge. Requests to conduct public access coverage in such areas may be made to the Office of the Presiding Judge at any time during the business day. Public access coverage is not permitted in the court's Jury Assembly Room when jurors are in attendance or at any time in the Juvenile Justice Center in areas outside of the courtrooms.

#### **3.182 USE OF CELL PHONES AND OTHER PERSONAL DATA AND COMMUNICATION DEVICES WHICH HAVE AUDIO RECORDING, PHOTOGRAPHIC OR ANY OTHER VISUAL OR IMAGE RECORDING OR REPRODUCTION CAPABILITY**

- (1) Cell phones and other personal data or communication devices which have audio recording, photographic or any other visual or image recording or reproduction capability:
  - (a) constitute public access coverage equipment as defined in UTCR 3.180;
  - (b) such devices may be used in a facility occupied by the court only as provided by UTCR 3.180, SLR 3.181, and this rule;
  - (c) must be turned off when entering any courtroom in any facility occupied by the court as provided by SLR 6.027, and must not be turned on for any use in a courtroom without complying with SLR 6.027, UTCR 3.180 and this rule.
- (2) Cell phones or other telecommunication devices may be used in areas outside of a courtroom, as defined in UTCR 3.180 and SLR 3.181, in a facility occupied by the court without violating this rule or SLR 3.181, provided that such use is restricted to the transmission of the user's oral communication only and does not involve any operation or use of the device's audio recording, photographic or any other visual or image recording or reproduction capability.
- (3) In addition to any other consequence permitted under law or court rules, violators of this rule

are subject to being ordered by the court to delete from the device any audio recording, photographic or any other visual or image recording or reproduction made in a court facility.

## CHAPTER 4

### PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL CASES

#### 4.005 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE COURT ESTABLISHED

There is established a Criminal Procedure Court for the handling of misdemeanor and certain felony matters under the direction of the Chief Criminal Court Judge and the Presiding Judge. The responsibilities and procedures in such court are indicated herein.

#### 4.012 SCHEDULING MOTIONS IN FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL ACTIONS

Except for motions filed under SLR 4.025 and 4.065, or as otherwise provided in this rule, any filed motion must be scheduled for hearing by the moving party.

(1) Scheduling Motions Filed Prior to Trial or the Court's Acceptance of a Plea of Guilty on a Charge:

Except for cases specially assigned to a specific judge for all purposes, or for motions to be heard on the day of trial by the judge assigned for trial from a Call or Criminal Procedure Court calendar, to schedule a pretrial motion for hearing, in addition to any other requirements set by law or rule, the moving party must contact the Criminal Calendaring Section (Room 106 of the main courthouse or call 503.988.3235), and request a date, time and location for the hearing. Motions in cases assigned to a specific judge may be scheduled by contacting that judge.

(2) For Motions Filed During or After Trial or After the Court has Accepted a Plea of Guilty on a Charge:

(a) Any motion filed at trial, post trial or post plea of guilty must be set for hearing by contacting the office of the judge who presided over the trial or plea. If motion is filed after sentence, and the sentence was to a period of probation and a probation judge was assigned who was not the sentencing judge, the motion must be set by contacting the probation judge.

(b) If a judge is no longer in office, then the motion must be set by contacting the successor in office in that circuit court position number. Information regarding which judge should be contacted to set a motion for hearing under this subsection may be obtained by calling Criminal Calendaring.

(c) If the motion arises from a trial or plea presided over by a Senior Judge or a Judge Pro Tempore, and that judge is no longer appointed to sit in this judicial district, then information regarding which judge should be contacted to set a motion for hearing under this subsection may be obtained by calling Criminal Calendaring.

(d) If a judge is requested to set a motion for hearing, and the judge determines that the court lacks jurisdiction over the matter, then the motion will not be set for hearing. The parties will be notified in writing by the court that it does not have jurisdiction and the legal basis upon which it bases its conclusion.

#### **4.015 DISCOVERY**

Before any Motion to Compel Discovery is filed, a demand must have been made for the materials. The motion shall include a statement that such a demand was made, but not complied with in whole or in part.

#### **4.016 IN CAMERA REVIEW OF RECORDS**

Unless otherwise ordered by the court, a motion for the *in camera* review of records by the court shall be presented to the court as follows:

- (a) Parties seeking an *in camera* review of documents in a criminal action shall file a motion supported by an affidavit which includes a description of the records to be reviewed, the information the party seeks to discover or protect contained in the records, and the legal authority for the protection or disclosure of the information contained in the records.
- (b) For cases to be heard in the downtown courthouse, motions for in camera review of records in misdemeanor cases will be calendared on the Criminal Procedure Court (CPC) docket. Motions for in camera review of records in felony cases will be calendared on the Presiding Judge's Short Matters call docket for assignment. Motions on cases proceeding in the Gresham Branch will be set on the Gresham judge's calendar for hearing.
- (c) If the motion for the *in camera* review is granted documents shall be directed to Room 131 of the Courthouse for cases that will be heard in any courtroom in that facility. Cases that are to be heard in the Gresham Branch shall be directed to 150 W. Powell, Gresham, Oregon 97030.

#### **4.017 WAIVER BACK TO JUVENILE COURT FOR CRIMINAL ACTION WAIVED TO CRIMINAL COURT UNDER ORS 419C.370 (1)**

(1) To waive back to the juvenile court a youth waived from juvenile court under ORS 419C.370, a written motion, supported by an affidavit setting out the basis for the request, must be filed by in the criminal action within 60 days of arraignment in the action. The motion must be served on the Office of the District Attorney, and a courtesy copy delivered to the Chief Family Court Judge. The Chief Family Court Judge will set the motion for hearing. The hearing may be at the Courthouse or the Juvenile Justice Center, and may be assigned to be heard by other judges of the Family Court.

(2) Only a judge of the juvenile court may make a determination regarding the requested waiver of a youth from criminal court.

#### **4.025 CRIMINAL CASE POSTPONEMENTS BY PRESIDING JUDGE; CRIMINAL EX PARTE**

(1) Postponements of felony cases may be presented to the Presiding Judge at Call or to the Chief Criminal Judge prior to Call by setting a scheduling conference with Chief Criminal Court, at which both the defense attorney and assigned deputy district attorney are present. Requests for postponement will not be allowed by the Chief Criminal Judge if received less than three judicial days before the next Call appearance in Presiding Court. Such requests must be presented at the Call proceeding as required by SLR 7.035.

(2) Motions to Rescind Bench Warrants ordered at a Call proceeding shall be presented only to the Presiding Judge or designee at the morning ex parte session specified under SLR 5.025. All other felony ex parte matters shall be presented at the morning or afternoon ex parte sessions specified in SLR 5.025.

(3) The first or second request for postponement of a misdemeanor or other case assigned to the Criminal Procedure Court may be presented at the Friday pre-trial conference, if the requested postponement is for a period of less than five weeks. A written motion is not required for first set-over requests, except in cases involving domestic violence; a written request is required for every domestic violence set-over request and for a second set-over request to set-over any other misdemeanor case.

(4) Third or subsequent requests for postponement of a misdemeanor assigned to the Criminal Procedure Court or requests for a postponement longer than five weeks will be referred to the Criminal Procedure Court Judge. Written requests for postponement are required in those circumstances. The motion shall set forth the specific reason for the request and contain a statement that opposing counsel was contacted and indicate counsel's position. Opposing counsel must also be identified by name in the motion.

#### **4.035 ISSUANCE OF SEARCH WARRANTS**

(1) A request for a search warrant may be made to any Circuit Court Judge, subject to any procedures established by the Presiding Judge.

(2) Prior to presenting a request for a search warrant, the applicant shall:

- (a) Obtain prior approval from a District Attorney who has personally reviewed the facts underlying the application;
- (b) Provide the name of the reviewing District Attorney; and
- (c) Verify that the search warrant application has not been presented to any other judge.

(3) For search warrant requests outside of the normal business hours of the court, the request for a search warrant must be made to the judge assigned to be the “duty judge” for after hour search warrant requests. If the duty judge cannot be contacted, the request may then be made to any other circuit court judge.

#### **4.045 VIEWING EXHIBITS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**

In recognition of the need to insure the security of criminal exhibits, viewing shall be limited to the attorney of record unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

#### **4.055 CIVIL COMPROMISE**

The defendant must appear personally for a civil compromise hearing.

#### **4.065 MOTIONS TO REMIT SECURITY FORFEITURE JUDGMENTS**

(1) A defendant or surety may apply to the Court for a remission of a forfeiture of the security amount by:

(a) Filing with the Court, and serving upon the District Attorney, a written Motion for Remission of the Judgment or Order of Forfeiture, accompanied by an affidavit stating good cause for the remission;

(b) If necessary, appearing at a hearing to further inform the Court why the Judgment or Order of Forfeiture should be rescinded.

(2) If a hearing is necessary on the Motion for Remission, the Court will notify the applicant of the date and time of the hearing. In any case, the Court may decide to grant or deny the motion without any appearance by the applicant, and to notify the applicant by mail of its decision.

#### **4.066 PAYMENT OF SECURITY DEPOSITS; PAYMENTS OF OTHER COURT ORDERED OBLIGATIONS**

(1) For cases within the scope of this chapter, the form of payment accepted and the location and method for depositing security are as follows:

(a) If a defendant is in the custody of the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office or any other agency on a warrant issued by the Multnomah County Court, security amounts for the release of the defendant are collected by the Sheriff’s Office and processed pursuant to the cooperative agreement between that agency and the court.

(b) A defendant who is in custody, or a surety for an in-custody defendant, must post cash, money order, cashiers' check, or an Inmate Trust Account check to deposit security pursuant to ORS 135.265(2). Personal checks or credit cards are not accepted as security for release from custody.

(c) If the full amount of security is posted in the form of real or personal property, stocks or bonds, as prescribed in ORS 135.265 (3), the security release must be processed by the Criminal Division of the Trial Court Administrator's Office, and a Judge must review the supporting affidavits prior to the defendant's release from custody.

(d) If a defendant is out of custody and a warrant has been issued, a court appearance is required prior to clearing an outstanding warrant, unless otherwise ordered by the court. If a court orders that the court appearance to withdraw the warrant is waived and the warrant is to be recalled from the Sheriff upon payment of the security deposit set, then the defendant or the defendant's surety may pay the security to the cashiers in Room 106 of the courthouse or at the Gresham court facility if the warrant arises in a criminal action filed in that court location. Payment must be in the medium allowed by this rule.

(2) In any case within the scope of this chapter, a defendant's attorney may write a check from the attorney's Lawyer Trust Account to deposit security for the defendant.

(3) Personal checks may be accepted by the Criminal Division of the Office of the Trial Court Administrator for payment of court-ordered obligations other than security.

#### **4.067 REFUND PROCEDURES**

All refunds are made by mail.

#### **4.075 DUII DIVERSION**

The following procedures shall apply to all driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII) cases:

(1) On each charge of DUII, the district attorney shall review the incident and the defendant's history to determine if the defendant is eligible for DUII Diversion or if the state will object to the defendant's participation in the diversion program. This review shall be completed prior to the date set for the first appearance of the defendant on the charge. The determination of whether the defendant is eligible for participation in DUII Diversion shall be announced at the first appearance proceeding.

(2) If the defendant appears at the time set for first appearance, is unrepresented by counsel and requests time to obtain counsel, the defendant's arraignment will be set over for two weeks only, unless a longer period is permitted by the court.

- (3) In all other cases, counsel will be appointed if it is appropriate to do so, the defendant will proceed with retained counsel, or the defendant will be allowed to proceed without counsel.
- (4) The court will arraign the defendant at first appearance. If the district attorney has determined that the defendant is eligible to enter DUII Diversion, then the case will be continue for the defendant to file the diversion petition and to appear to enter a plea of guilty. (See Forms 08-27, 08-20, 08-09, 08-27B and 08-07 Pages 102-110, Appendix of Forms.) If the state is not able to determine if the incident or the defendant are diversion eligible at the time of arraignment or determines that the defendant is not eligible to enter diversion and files objections, then the case will be set for jury trial in the normal course with leave to the defendant to file a petition, if timely, and to set a hearing for the court to make a final determination on this issue.
- (5) If more than 30 days has elapsed from the date of first appearance set on the uniform citation summons and complaint or set in a release agreement on a release from custody on a law enforcement officer's probable cause arrest and booking of the defendant for DUII, the defendant must first appear for a determination by the court that there is good cause for the late filing of the petition before the defendant may be accepted into the diversion program.
- (6) Objections to Diversion
  - (a) The District Attorney's objections to diversion shall be in writing.
  - (b) The defendant or the defendant's attorney will be given notice by the Court that an objection has been filed.
  - (c) If the defendant elects to contest the objection, the defendant may set the objection for a formal hearing.
  - (d) Contested objection hearings may not be utilized to seek post-conviction relief on a prior conviction. Such relief shall be filed with the Circuit Court.
  - (e) If an objection is contested and the Court sustains the objection to diversion, or if the defendant elects not to contest the objection, the case shall be set for trial or plea.
- (7) No refunds of diversion fees will be made to any individual who for any reason fails to complete the program after diversion has been granted.
- (8) If companion violation offenses are filed at the time the diversion charge is filed, such companion citations will remain with that charge until the petition is allowed by the Court. If the petition is allowed, the judge in the diversion court will take a plea of guilty or set the companion charges for trial.
- (9) If a misdemeanor is filed with a diversion charge, the cases shall be consolidated, and shall remain consolidated, until the Diversion hearing. If Diversion is granted, the cases shall be severed and the companion case will be set for trial.

(10) If a diversion offense is filed in a single charging instrument with one or more felony charges, unless severed, the diversion petition must be filed timely in the case containing the felony charges.

(11) Diversion cases filed in the Gresham Department shall be processed and screened as indicated in this Rule. The judge will rule on the timeliness of the Diversion request and will determine whether Diversion will be allowed.

(12) Except for SLR 4.075(11), decisions on diversion eligibility or disqualification will be made by the judge assigned to the diversion court. Decisions on whether to grant or deny an extension of the 12 month diversion period under ORS 813.225 will also be made by the judge assigned to the diversion court. No attorney or defendant shall request that judge's decision to be reconsidered or reviewed by any other judge in the Circuit Court.

#### **4.081 APPEARANCE AT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS BY MEANS OF SIMULTANEOUS ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

The court may conduct appearances in any criminal proceedings by simultaneous electronic transmission as provided in UTCR 4.080 (1) and under law, if the technology in the courtroom meets the requirements of the rule.

#### **4.091 ELECTRONIC FILING OF VIOLATION, MISDEMEANOR AND FELONY CITATIONS, WITH OR WITHOUT COMPLAINTS**

(1) Pursuant to ORS 153.770 and ORS 133.073, and UTCR 4.090, violation complaints and criminal citations (herein after collectively referred to as citations for purposes of this rule) may be filed electronically by law enforcement agencies and parking enforcement agencies. Citations filed electronically must meet the following criteria:

- (a) the data transmitted to the circuit court by the filing agency contains all information required by ORS 153.770 (2) (a) and ORS 133.073, to be included in an electronically filed citation;
- (b) the electronically filed citation contains a unique identification number of the law enforcement or parking enforcement officer issuing the citation, the officer's name, and the identity of the agency employing the officer;
- (c) if the citation is a criminal citation with a form of complaint, then no complaint may be filed in the circuit court until the review required by ORS 133.069 (2) has been conducted by the district attorney;
- (d) an image of the citation issued by the law enforcement officer or the parking enforcement officer must be transmitted to the circuit court by the issuing agency to be

available to the public under ORS 153.770 (2) (c) and ORS 133.073;

(e) each citation submitted for filing must be numbered by the issuing agency using a number series approved by the Trial Court Administrator, and the number assigned to the citation by the agency must be unique and not duplicate any number previously submitted to be filed; and,

(f) the transmission of data and images as provided in this rule has been tested and meets completely the system requirements for electronically uploading data and images into the Oregon Judicial Department's automated information systems. Testing of data for electronic filing shall be administered by Oregon Judicial Department staff. No citations may be filed electronically until written approval for electronic filing is provided to the agency by the Trial Court Administrator. This standard for testing and approval applies only to agencies requesting to implement electronic filing on or after the effective date of this rule.

(2) Subject to the limits regarding the type of offenses which may be included in a criminal citation, set out ORS 133.066, a citation filed electronically, as provided by this rule, may contain up to 10 offenses on a single citation.

(3) Citations submitted by a law enforcement agency or parking enforcement agency which do not comply with this rule may not be filed electronically.

(4) Members of the public may obtain from the circuit court a printed image of a citation filed electronically by a law enforcement agency or parking enforcement agency in the same manner as for paper records of the circuit court by requesting a copy of the image in Room 131 of the Courthouse, or by mailing to the Records Supervisor, Multnomah County Courthouse, such a request. The mailing address for the courthouse is set out in SLR 1.161. Fees applicable to court records apply to requests for images of electronically filed citations.

## CHAPTER 5

### PROCEEDINGS IN CIVIL CASES

#### **5.015 CIVIL ACTION MOTION DOCKET; MOTION PRAECIPE RULE; AUTOMATIC CONSENT TO HEARING BY NON-APPEARING PARTY**

##### **Method of Setting Motions**

- (1) In circuit court civil actions, contested pretrial motions (excluding ex parte) shall be placed on the civil motion docket only by motion praecipe, by an Order to Show Cause, or by order of the Presiding Judge or the Presiding Judge's designee.
- (2) If the Presiding Judge places a motion on the civil motion docket, the Court may provide notice by telephone.
- (3) Requests for an expedited setting of a civil motion must be made at the ex parte appearance specifically for requests to expedite the setting of a motion in a civil action. This proceeding is held once each business day and rotates among the judges. The time and location is available by calling the Presiding Judge's Office or Civil Calendaring.

##### **Motion Praecipe Rule: General Requirements and Applicability; Exceptions; and Delivery**

###### **General Requirements and Applicability**

- (4) Unless specifically excepted from this requirement by provision of this rule, a motion praecipe form shall be attached by the moving party to the front of all copies of motions, including motions granted an expedited hearing, sent to the judge hearing the motion and to the parties. It is not required to attach a motion praecipe to the original file copy of the motion to be heard. A motion praecipe shall be attached or delivered when required under this rule, even when the moving party waives appearance. Except for motions set on the motion calendar by the granting of an expedited hearing, every motion to be set by praecipe must begin the setting process by calling the Civil Calendaring Motion Clerk at (503) 988-3168.

###### **Exceptions**

- (5) Motion praecipe are not required on small claims, FED, family law, juvenile or probate cases, nor on civil cases which have either been assigned to arbitration, specially assigned to a judge for all pretrial proceedings, or are placed on a motion docket by an order to show cause or an order of the Presiding Judge.

###### **Delivery Requirements, and Sanctions**

- (6) The original motion praecipe shall be attached to the assigned judge's copy of the motion,

including motions assigned to pro tem judges, and delivered to the assigned judge at the time the motion is filed. A copy of the motion praecipe shall be attached to the service copy of the motion and delivered to all parties. Failure to deliver a praecipe and copy of the motion when required by this rule may result in sanctions as provided by UTCR 1.090, including striking the underlying motion.

### **Content of the Praecipe**

(7) The motion praecipe shall include: the caption of the case, the case number, the name of the moving attorney and the party represented, the type of the motion, the name of the judge hearing the motion, the date of the hearing, the time of the hearing, the room number where the hearing will be heard, the length of the hearing and whether the party is waiving appearance, whether the hearing date is the first or subsequent date for this motion, whether the services of a court reporter/recorder are requested and whether the motion is to be heard by telecommunication. A form of praecipe is available from Presiding Court and in Room 210 of the courthouse. (See Form 05-06, Page 95, Appendix of Forms)

### **Re-delivery Requirement If Motion Set Over**

(8) If a motion has been filed and praeciped previously but is set over, a new motion praecipe attached to a copy of the motion must be delivered to the assigned judge and a copy of the new motion praecipe must be delivered to all parties.

### **If Filing and Service Required by Statute Prior to Assignment of Hearing Date**

(9) If a statute mandates the filing and serving of a motion prior to the availability of a hearing date or show cause date, the moving party shall attach a certificate citing the statute or rule requiring the filing of the motion and stating that a hearing date will be secured as soon as such date is available and, if required under this rule, a motion praecipe will be delivered to the judge and parties as required by this rule.

### **Service Period on Court and Opposing Parties, Copy of Motion, Response and Reply to Assigned Judge**

(10) Except as provided in section (5) of this rule, the party responsible to deliver the praecipe as provided by this rule shall deliver the praecipe together with the courtesy copy of the motion to the assigned judge and serve the parties on the date the motion is filed with the court; the motion must be filed without unreasonable delay once a judge, date, and time is assigned for the hearing. Any party opposing a motion in which a praecipe is required to be delivered under this rule shall submit a courtesy copy of the responding documents to the assigned judge at the same time the response is filed with the court, but in no event less than one judicial day prior to the date of the hearing unless the praecipe delivery time has been shortened by the rule or the Presiding Judge or designee at civil ex parte. Any party filing a reply to a response to a motion, must deliver a copy of the reply document to the assigned judge on the date the reply is filed with the court, but in no event less than one judicial day prior to the date of the hearing.

## **Absence at Motion Hearing**

(11) A matter set on the civil motion docket may be decided even though some or all of the parties or attorneys are not present. Such a hearing shall be deemed consented to by the parties not appearing.

### **5.017 SERVICE OF MOTION AT OR BEFORE DELIVERY OF COPY TO JUDGE**

In any civil action, the service of a contested motion, response, or reply on opposing parties must occur before or simultaneously with the delivery of a copy of the document to the judge assigned to hear the matter.

### **5.019 PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE AUDIO RECORD WHEN A HEARING FEE IS REQUIRED BY ORS 21.275 AND IT IS NOT PAID OR OTHERWISE SATISFIED**

(1) ORS 21.275 provides for a hearing fee to be paid for any hearing to be “reported.” Payment must be made prior to the commencement of hearing. The payment requirement may be satisfied by a fee waiver or deferral, or when the reporting of the hearing is at the request of a party exempt from the fee requirement under ORS 20.140 or other provision of law identified by the requesting party. The ORS 21.275 fee requirement applies even if the oral record of the hearing is being made under ORS 8.340 (7).

(2) Proof of satisfaction of the hearing fee requirement must be provided to the judge’s courtroom clerk prior to the commencement of the hearing for the hearing to be reported.

(3) If the hearing fee is not paid for a hearing to be reported, a hearing may be recorded using the court’s audio recording equipment for the use of the court. Such a recording of the proceeding for the court’s own use does not establish a reported hearing. The audio recording made for the courts use may not be accessed later by any party to an action unless the following steps have been taken by one of the parties:

(a) The party must appear at ex parte before the presiding judge (held each business day at 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM in Courtroom 208) and present a written motion, affidavit, form of order and a duplicate order. The motion must list the hearing dates for which the party is requesting to pay or other wise satisfy the hearing fee requirement and request that the audio record be classified as a reported hearing.

(b) If the motion is granted and the hearing fee requirement is to be satisfied by payment, the party must then pay the fee for each hearing requested in the motion.

(c) The presiding judge’s clerk will retain the original motion, affidavit and signed order for filing and will return the conformed copy of the order to the party. The order and proof

of satisfaction of payment must be presented to the staff in the circuit court file room in order to request an audio record. The order and proof of satisfaction of payment must be presented to the transcript coordinator if the hearing(s) are designated as a part of the record on appeal.

(4) Nothing in this rule prevents any person from requesting any audio record of a hearing under the provisions of ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Such requests will be determined by the presiding judge if the requested audio record was for a hearing which required a fee to be satisfied under ORS 21.275 to be reported and the fee requirement was not satisfied.

(5) When a fee is required to be paid for a hearing to be reported under ORS 21.275, and no fee is paid or otherwise satisfied, a party will not be able to obtain a copy of the audio recording of the hearing made for the court's use for purposes of ORS 19.250 and 19.365 without complying with this rule.

## **5.025 CIVIL EX PARTE MATTERS**

(1) Ex parte matters shall be heard each judicial day before the Presiding Judge or designee at 9:30 am, at 1:30 pm, and at other times designated by the Presiding Judge for the consideration of whether a petition for the expedited hearing of a civil motion shall be allowed. (See Form 05-27, Page 96, Appendix of Forms.)

(2) Contested matters, unless otherwise allowed by these rules, shall not be presented at ex parte. Such matters shall be subject to the requirements of SLR 5.015. Only the following contested matters may be presented at ex parte:

- (a) Motion to postpone trial;
- (b) Request for expedited hearing. (See Form 05-28A, Page 97, Appendix of Forms)
- (c) Application for a temporary restraining order under ORCP 79 (B)(1), when the adverse party appears and is permitted by the court to address the merits of the request.

(3) Except as otherwise allowed by statute or waived or consented to by the opposing party, any party seeking ex parte relief must provide one judicial days' notice to the opposing party of the date, time and court where the ex parte relief will be sought. A party appearing will be required to advise the court if they have had contact with the opposing party prior to the ex parte appearance, and the opposing party's position on the matter presented to the court.

## **5.035 ORDERS BY PREVAILING PARTY; PRESENTING JUDGMENTS AND ORDERS FOR JUDICIAL SIGNATURE**

(1) After a motion ruling, unless otherwise ordered, it is the responsibility of the prevailing party to draft an order incorporating the ruling and to submit it to the proper judge, accompanied by proof of service on opposing counsel in compliance with UTCR 5.100.

(2) Any judgment or order requiring the signature of a pro tem judge, reference judge, or senior judge shall be directed to the private business office of that judge unless that judge directs otherwise. That judicial officer will forward the order to Presiding Court for filing.

(3) All judgments, orders, and other documents requiring the signature of a specific judge shall be sent directly to that judge.

#### **5.036 IN CAMERA REVIEW OF RECORDS**

Unless otherwise ordered by the court, a motion in a civil action requesting a hearing for the *in camera* review of records by the court be presented to the court as follows:

(1) A party seeking an *in camera* review of documents shall present at the presiding judge's civil ex parte session a motion supported by an affidavit and with a form of order for the inspection. The motion and affidavit must include a description of the records to be reviewed, the information the party seeks to discover or protect contained in the records, and the legal authority for the protection or disclosure of the information contained in the records. If the motion is allowed, the *in camera* review will be given a date on the Presiding Judge's Short Matters Call docket for assignment to a judge for the review proceeding.

(2) If the motion is allowed, documents to be reviewed by a judge *in camera* shall be directed to Room 131 of the Courthouse.

#### **5.045 NO MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION; EXCEPTIONS**

(1) No Motion for Reconsideration on any pre-trial, trial, or post-trial civil or criminal matter shall be heard, reviewed, or considered by any judge sitting in the Fourth Judicial District; nor shall any such judge review a ruling rendered by any other judge except under (2).

(2) This rule shall not apply to any statutory motion to modify, set aside, vacate, suppress, or rescind; nor shall it obstruct the authority of the assigned trial judge to review any previously-filed motions.

#### **5.055 STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED CONFIRMATION CARDS REQUIRED**

(1) Any party desiring information on any document submitted to the court for filing, (e.g., date of filing, date of signature, costs and attorney fees awarded, or name of judge), shall attach a stamped, self-addressed confirmation card. On orders or judgments submitted for signing, confirmation cards shall be attached for all parties. Unless required by law or rule, conformed copies of the order or judgment will not be provided by the Trial Court Administrator's Office as further proof of signing. Signed copies of orders and judgments may be obtained from the circuit court's File Room.

(2) An ex parte motion for trial set-over submitted by mail shall have confirmation cards addressed to each party attached by the moving party to provide notice of the court's decision and order to all parties.

## **5.065 JUDGMENT DEBTOR ORDERS**

### **Authorized Without Predetermined Hearing Date**

(1) Except in the Gresham Court and small claims actions adjudicated in the Multnomah County Courthouse, appearance dates for judgment debtor/garnishee hearings shall be set at the discretion of the creditor for any judicial day at 11:00 am in Courtroom 208. The creditor must give the debtor/garnishee at least seven days notice of the date of the examination, unless a longer period is required by statute. The Presiding Judge will set an appearance date only if specifically requested to do so by the creditor. Small claims judgment debtor/garnishee hearings in the Gresham Court are scheduled for one Friday each month. The judgment creditor may select a time and date by calling the Gresham Court. Judgment debtor/garnishee hearings arising from small claims actions adjudicated in the Multnomah County Courthouse are scheduled for 8:15 am on Wednesday through Friday each week in Courtroom 120 of the Courthouse. The hearing date shall be set at the discretion of the creditor, but must provide at least seven days notice to the debtor. Forms are available in Room 210 of the Multnomah County Courthouse.

### **Valid for Six Months**

(2) Appearance orders signed by the Presiding Judge without an appearance date shall remain valid for six months from the date of signature.

### **Location of Appearance Limited to Multnomah County Courthouse and Gresham Court**

(3) The debtor/garnishee shall not be compelled to appear at a location other than the Multnomah County Courthouse or Gresham Court without the written consent of the debtor/garnishee.

## **5.085 CHALLENGE TO GARNISHMENT NOT TO CONTEST JUDGMENT**

Challenge to Writs of Garnishment which contest the underlying judgment will be denied by the Court.

**5.105 PRIOR TO SUBMITTING FORM OF JUDGMENT FOR SETTLEMENT OF PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH CIVIL ACTIONS: REQUIREMENTS WHEN MINOR CHILD OR INCAPACITATED PERSON APPEARS BY GUARDIAN AD LITEM**

See SLR 9.055 for condition precedent to submission of the form of judgment for a judge's signature on settlement of civil actions when minor child or incapacitated person appears by Guardian Ad Litem.

## CHAPTER 6

### TRIALS

#### 6.012 PRE-TRIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

The following procedures shall apply to pre-trial conferences in all pending civil and domestic relations cases, when ordered by the Court pursuant to UTCR 6.010, 6.200, or requested by a party or the party's attorney:

- (1) If one party requests a pre-trial settlement conference, the settlement conference shall be held and shall be conducted according to the procedures set forth in this rule. Except in the case where the Court orders a conference, the pre-trial settlement conference will not be required if the opposing party demonstrates good cause why the settlement conference should not be held. The judge conducting the settlement conference may require the party requesting a conference to certify that reasonable efforts to achieve settlement have been attempted by the parties, and that they have been unable to resolve the controversy without the court's assistance.
- (2) The Presiding Judge shall designate a judge or judges who shall conduct pre-trial settlement conferences. In the event a party requests a specific judge to conduct a conference, that request shall be honored as fully as practical under the circumstances.
- (3) Each trial attorney and party or representative of a corporation or insurance company who has full authority to settle and compromise the litigation shall personally appear at the pre-trial settlement conference. However, the assigned judge may permit telephone appearances in lieu of personal appearance for good cause.
- (4) Each pre-trial settlement conference shall be scheduled to allow adequate time for meaningful settlement discussions. Additional settlement conferences may be scheduled by the assigned judge or by agreement of all attorneys and parties.
- (5) The pre-trial settlement conference shall not delay the trial scheduling, but the Presiding Judge may delegate to the assigned judge limited or unlimited authority to continue the trial date by the mutual agreement of the parties and their attorneys.
- (6) No judge conducting a pre-trial settlement conference under this rule shall be permitted to act as trial judge if the case does not settle, unless the parties stipulate to such procedure.
- (7) Each attorney or party shall submit to the assigned judge, at least one business day prior to the scheduled pre-trial settlement conference, information regarding the case. In domestic relations cases, counsel shall also provide a copy of the proposed distribution of assets and liabilities, and, if support is involved, the proposal for and computation of support, to opposing counsel at least one business day prior to the scheduled pre-trial settlement conference. Except for the information described in the preceding sentence, any documents or information submitted to the judge shall be

presumed confidential, unless a copy is provided to the opposing side(s). The assigned judge shall make available forms for the submission of such information, but an attorney or party may submit such other or further information to the judge to inform the court of the issues in the case.

(8) No submissions under SLR 6.012(7) shall be included in the court file, nor shall any notes prepared by the judge be filed or otherwise disclosed, except by permission of the attorneys and/or parties or by court order.

(9) The assigned pre-trial settlement conference judge shall inform the calendar clerk of the occurrence of the conference, the possibilities of settlement, and the estimated length of trial time, in the event the case does not settle at the conference. No other information regarding the case or the conference shall be communicated to the trial judge or the jury.

(10) The presiding judge may require a trial-setting conference prior to, or following, the pre-trial settlement conference, pursuant to UTCR 6.010.

#### **6.014 PRE-TRIAL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES IN CIVIL ACTIONS**

(1) In any civil action, when it appears to the court that an action will be pending for longer than 270 days measured from the date of filing of the first pleading in the action, the court may schedule a case management conference and, upon notice, require the parties to appear. The purpose of the case management conference is to address the readiness of the action for trial. The court will ask the parties to identify remaining tasks to be resolved including discovery issues, expected remaining pretrial motions, and any known scheduling problems for parties and witnesses. In addition, related issues listed in UTCR 6.010 will be covered. Parties are expected to be prepared to discuss these matters at the case management conference.

(2) Parties appearing in the action without attorney representation must appear at the case management conference in person. Parties appearing in the action with representation by an attorney are required to appear through their trial counsel, and need not attend in person.

#### **6.015 SUBMISSION AND COPIES OF MOTIONS, BRIEFS, MEMORANDA, AND POINTS AND AUTHORITIES; COPIES TO BE DESIGNATED TRIAL COURT COPY**

(1) A copy of a motion, brief, or memoranda shall be submitted directly to the judge scheduled to hear the matter.

(2) The copy of the motion and all supporting documentation for the use of the judge shall be designated "TRIAL COURT COPY."

(3) Copies shall identify the name of the judge hearing the motion, the time of the hearing, the date of the hearing or the show cause assignment date, and the room number of the hearing.

(4) Jury Instructions, Verdict Forms, Trial Memorandums, Motions to Suppress, Motions in Limine, and similar materials, shall be submitted to the assigned trial department by noon of the day of trial assignment at daily call by the Presiding Judge. This rule does not apply to trial assignments made after daily call is concluded.

**6.025 PAYMENT OF TRIAL FEES AND HEARING FEES**

(1) A fee receipt, fee waiver, or fee deferral must be presented to the courtroom clerk prior to commencement of a trial or hearing where a fee is required to be paid under ORS 21.114, 21.270, 21.275, 21.310 or 105.130.

(2) Fees payable at the conclusion of the trial shall be paid by 5:00 pm. on the day trial concludes unless the fee is waived or deferred. If the trial concludes after the close of business, the fees shall be paid the morning of the first court day thereafter. For purposes of this rule, a jury trial shall be deemed concluded when the jury returns a verdict.

(3) The trial judge may elect to delay commencement of the case until the fees are paid, but failure to pay the fees as stated in SLR 6.025(1) shall not be grounds for a postponement.

**6.027 PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN JURY ROOMS DURING DELIBERATIONS AND IN COURTROOMS DURING PROCEEDINGS**

(1) Unless otherwise permitted by the judge presiding over the trial, personal communication devices (any electronic or other equipment capable of communicating with others outside a jury room, including, but not limited to cell phones and pagers) are not allowed in a jury room during jury deliberations.

(2) After a jury has been instructed and charged to commence deliberations the courtroom clerk will collect all such devices and retain them in a secure place during deliberations.

(3) Unless otherwise permitted by the judge presiding over the proceeding, personal communication devices (any electronic or other equipment capable of communicating with others outside a courtroom by transmission of sound or images, including, but not limited to cell phones and pagers) taken into a courtroom by any person shall be turned off upon entering the courtroom and shall remain off until after the person has departed from the courtroom.

(4) See SLR 3.182 regarding the operation of cell phones and other personal data and communication devices which have audio recording, photographic or any other visual or image recording or reproduction capability.

#### **6.045            MOTIONS TO CORRECT TRANSCRIPTS**

- (1) If a motion under ORAP 3.40 is filed, a copy shall be delivered to each of the following:
  - (a) Trial court reporter or audio transcriber;
  - (b) Trial court judge (or the judge who presided at the matter under appeal).
- (2) A form of order to correct, or add to, the transcript shall be submitted to the trial court judge.
- (3) The moving party shall deliver a copy of the signed order to the trial court reporter or audio transcriber.
- (4) If the signed order permits correction or addition to the transcript, then the trial court reporter or audio transcriber shall give notice and, upon any payment due, serve copies of the corrected or added material in the same manner as provided by ORS 19.370 for the initial uncorrected or un-augmented transcript.

#### **6.055            BUILDING SECURITY**

The Multnomah County Courthouse, the Multnomah County Justice Center, Gresham Courthouse, the Juvenile Justice Complex or any other facility or location where the court conducts its proceedings are Court facilities for the use of members of the public to exercise their rights to view proceedings and handle their affairs through the Court. This right of access may, however, be overcome by conduct detrimental to the safety of the Court's Judicial Officers, other Officers of the Court, its employees, and members of the public. This type of conduct may result in the ejection of a person or party from these facilities and possibly their restraint from entering these buildings for a specified period of time. Such detrimental conduct may include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Direct physical assault upon any person;
- (2) Destruction or theft of Court records or posted public notices;
- (3) Vandalism, defacing, burning, or other physical destruction of any device or room within these facilities;
- (4) Intimidation, extortion, coercion, or other forcible conduct aimed at interrupting the Court's Judicial Officers, other Officers of the Court, and its employees in the course of their work or at interfering with members of the Bar or of the public in their dealings with the Court;
- (5) Any conduct which interferes with or interrupts a Court proceeding;
- (6) Any entrance into an area of these buildings designated off-limits or for employees only;

- (7) Any introduction of noxious odors designed to deny members of the public the use of any public part of these buildings;
- (8) Any attempt, either by fraud or threat, to gain access to confidential Court records or material;
- (9) Any attempt, either by fraud or threat, to gain access to the private office of a Judicial Officer, the Court Administrator, or other Court Officer;
- (10) Any attempt by a member of the public to deny any other member of the public the use of these buildings.

**6.145 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES**

In addition to the definition found in UTCR 6.140 (2), a hazardous substance is defined as any substance listed in, or hereinafter added to, the Federal Aviation Authority Regulations on Hazardous Substances, any provisions of the United States Code defining hazardous substances, or the Federal Controlled Substances Act; or is any potentially dangerous or contaminated substance capable of inflicting death or serious physical injury either immediately or over the course of time. A hazardous substance shall include any device or implement which carries, contains, or exhibits such characteristics.

## CHAPTER 7

### CASE MANAGEMENT AND CALENDARING

#### 7.011 SCHEDULING ORDERS

In any civil action, the Presiding Judge may enter a pretrial scheduling order setting dates by which events in the action must be completed.

#### 7.021 UTCR 7.020 CONTINUANCES; STAY OF DEFAULTED PARTIES PENDING TRIAL; STIPULATED TRIAL DATES UNDER UTCR 7.020

(1) Continuances pursuant to UTCR 7.020 shall be on a form prescribed by the Court. (See Form 05-41, Page 94, Appendix of Forms)

(2) In multiple party cases, when a default order has been taken against a specific party and the other defendants will proceed to trial, an attorney may move the Court to stay the requirement to apply for a judgment by default and avoid dismissal under UTCR 7.020 for the defaulted party, pending the outcome of trial.

(3) The parties may mail to the Presiding Judge an agreed date as a stipulated date under UTCR 7.020. Stipulated dates which are within 10 months of the date of the filing of the complaint will be approved by the Presiding Judge and the initial trial assignment date will be set to the stipulated date. A stipulated date which places the trial beyond 10 months from the date of filing will not be approved if submitted by mail. Such a stipulated setting must be presented at ex parte and may require a postponement conference with the Presiding Judge. The Court will exercise its discretion in granting or denying such a request based on all circumstances made known to the Court.

#### 7.025 POSTPONEMENT CONFERENCES

A conference with the Presiding Judge may be required to postpone a civil case currently 12 months of age or which will exceed 12 months of age if a set over is granted.

#### 7.035 CALL NOTICES; MINIMUM NOTICE FOR POSTPONEMENTS

(1) Attorneys of record in each case taken from the list of cases ready to set for trial will be notified at least 28 days before the date of Call, unless this period is waived or shortened by the Presiding Judge.

(2) Counsel seeking postponements of assigned trial dates shall give opposing counsel(s) not less than one judicial day's notice of the date and time when an application for postponement is to be presented to the Court at ex parte as required by these Rules and SLR 5.025.

- (a) Motions for postponement shall be on a form prescribed by the Court and shall be submitted in duplicate (See Form 05-82, Page 93, Appendix of Forms);
  - (b) Thirty or more days before the Call date, an unopposed motion for postponement may be presented by mail or at ex parte, but such a motion cannot be presented by mail in a criminal case;
  - (c) Four judicial days to 29 days before the Call date, any motion for postponement must be presented at ex parte;
  - (d) Three judicial days or less before the Call date, a motion for postponement will not be considered. Appearance at Call is mandatory.
  - (e) Any opposed motion for postponement shall be presented at ex parte.
- (3) In criminal cases assigned to the Criminal Procedure Court:
- (a) A motion for postponement on the day of trial must be presented to the Criminal Procedure Court Judge. If granted, a new trial date will be set. The procedure for requesting a postponement at the pre-trial conference is set forth in SLR 4.025.
  - (b) Other than cases involving a motion for postponement, multiple trials sent out to a trial judge will be handled as follows: the trial judge will retain the misdemeanor cases which can commence during the assigned trial date, including cases that can be set to follow in the afternoon of the assigned trial date. All cases which the trial judge cannot schedule to begin on the assigned trial date will be sent back to the Criminal Procedure Court Judge for reassignment to another judge, or for new pre-trial and trial dates if no other judge becomes available. The prosecuting attorney and defense counsel must not release witnesses prior to a determination by the Criminal Procedure Court Judge regarding whether the case will be reassigned to another judge on the same date or postponed. The presumed order of priority in which cases should be tried is: custody cases, date certain cases, and finally, the oldest case based on the issue date.

#### **7.045 MOTION FOR CHANGE OF JUDGE**

- (1) If a judge is assigned at Call or at a case scheduling conference before the presiding judge, and a party intends to file a motion for a change of the judge assigned, the intention to file the motion must be announced at the time of assignment. An original and two copies of a motion, order, and supporting affidavit must be delivered to the Presiding Judge. Failure to submit all three documents timely, with the copies, will result in sanctions as provided by UTCR 1.090. The requesting party is responsible for serving a copy of the motion, affidavit and order on the judge being disqualified and each other party to the action who is not in default.

(2) For Judges assigned through the Motion Calendaring Department pursuant to SLR 5.015, the following procedures shall apply:

(a) If a party setting a motion intends to disqualify the assigned judge, the party must announce the intent to the motion clerk at the time of assignment and appear at ex parte by the close of the next judicial day to present duplicate copies of a motion, order, and affidavit to the Presiding Judge. The requesting party is responsible for serving a copy of the motion, affidavit and order on the judge being disqualified and each other party to the action who is not in default.

(b) If the non-setting party intends to disqualify the assigned judge, that party must, by the close of the next judicial day after receiving actual notice the motion is assigned to that judge, notify the motion clerk and appear at ex parte to present duplicate copies of a motion, order, and affidavit. The requesting party is responsible for serving a copy of the motion, affidavit and order on the judge being disqualified and each other party to the action who is not in default.

(c) If a motion for change of judge under this provision is allowed, the moving party on the underlying motion shall contact the calendaring office to reschedule the underlying motion and shall comply with the requirements of SLR 5.015 as to the new assignment.

(3) If a judge is assigned in any other manner, a motion to disqualify that judge, with an order and supporting affidavit, must be presented to the Presiding Judge at ex parte by the close of the judicial day following notice of the assignment. A copy of the motion, affidavit and order must be served on the judge being disqualified by the moving party and each party to the action who is not in default.

(4) In small claims, FEDs, violations and misdemeanor offenses, the Presiding Judge may assign a motion for change of judge to another judge for decision.

(5) For purposes of ORS 14.250 et seq. and this Rule, a judge who handles any arraignment, pre-trial release request at the time of arraignment, pre-trial conference or daily Call pursuant to SLR 7.055, shall not be considered to have ruled on a particular matter within the meaning of ORS 14.260(3). A party shall not waive any right pursuant to ORS 14.250 et seq. as to such judge by failing to move for change of judge at the time of appearance before such judge at any arraignment, pre-trial conference, or daily Call.

## **7.055 CALL**

### **Call for Civil and Criminal cases; Family Law, Probate, and Juvenile, Small Claims and FED Dockets Kept Separate**

(1) Unless otherwise designated or posted, the Presiding Judge shall announce the cases listed on the Daily Trial Call Calendar each judicial day.

(a) Call for Family Law, Probate, Juvenile, Small Claims and FED matters will be conducted separately, as provided in these Rules.

(b) When a jury trial is requested in an FED action, the case will be placed on the civil Call calendar.

### **Assignment Times**

(2) Unless altered by the Presiding Judge or designee, Call shall be at 9:00 am for all felony offenses and civil matters.

### **Presiding Judge to assign judge, day and time**

(3) Except for cases set to follow, and cases assigned in multiple assignment groups, the Presiding Judge will announce the day and hour that the trial will begin.

### **Cases set to follow**

(4) When a case is assigned to a trial judge to follow another case, the attorney on the case set to follow shall be prepared to commence trial promptly upon the completion of the preceding case.

### **Standby Cases**

(5) A case on the Call calendar may be designated as a standby case at Call proceeding. These cases are assigned later in the day, if judicial time becomes available.

(a) A standby case may be assigned out for the following day prior to 4:00 pm on the day of Call.

(b) If an attorney on a standby case announces to the clerk an inability to go to trial when assignment is made, the case will either be placed on Call the following judicial day or postponed, at the discretion of the Presiding Judge.

### **Carried Cases**

(6) For good cause shown, a case may be carried to the Call docket for the following judicial day.

### **Abated and Stayed Cases**

(7) For good cause shown, the Presiding Judge may abate any case upon motion of counsel or upon motion of the Court. (See Forms 05-32 and 05-38, Pages 99 and 100, Appendix of Forms.)

(a) Unless prohibited by law, an abated case may be dismissed, without prejudice, for want of prosecution following notice by the Court of intent to dismiss pursuant to ORCP

54B(3) two years from the date of the removal order if the case has not been removed from abated status or dismissed at an earlier time. A case may be removed from abated status upon motion of counsel or on the Court's own motion.

(b) No abated case shall be placed on the trial docket, or be subject to court arbitration or mediation, or have any motion practice conducted during the period of abatement. Parties may by mutual consent proceed with discovery during the period of abatement or inactive status.

(c) A case will be stayed, rather than abated as provided in this section, by a notice of bankruptcy.

(d) Once a case is reinstated to the active trial docket, the case will be assigned a trial date within 30 days. (See Form 05-33, Page 92, Appendix of Forms)

### **Duty of Attorney at Call**

(8) The attorney of record on a case shall be present at Call, except that:

(a) The attorney may appear via a substitute counsel; or

(b) The attorney may report unconditionally ready in a civil case by telephone to the Call clerk by 4:45 pm on the judicial day immediately preceding the date of Call. A telephoned report as allowed under this section shall constitute a waiver of the right to file a motion for change of judge as to any judge assigned to hear the matter and of the right to object to another party's request made at the time of Call that the matter be postponed.

(c) If an attorney is not present at Call, does not otherwise report to the Court ready on the case, or the Presiding Judge deems the report inadequate or misleading, the Presiding Judge may direct:

(i) The entry of a Judgment of Dismissal, following notice by the Court of intent to dismiss pursuant to ORCP 54B(3), without prejudice, for want of prosecution, an Order of Default, or such other order as may be appropriate under the circumstances including the imposition of sanctions under UTCR 1.090 and jury expenses under UTCR 6.020; or

(ii) That the attorney appear before the Court in person to explain the cause for the non-appearance. The proceeding shall be made a matter of record, and if the Presiding Judge determines that such conduct is willfully inexcusable, such conduct may be considered an act of contempt.

### **Multiple Case Assignment**

(9) Cases on the Call calendar may be assigned in multiple case groups.

### **Felony Defendants to Appear at Call**

(10) All out-of-custody felony defendants shall appear on all Call dates, unless the Presiding Judge directs otherwise.

### **Cases Specially Set**

(11) The Presiding Judge may specially assign any case.

### **Advising Presiding Judge**

(12) An attorney may advise the Presiding Judge in open court at the time a case is to be assigned that a particular judge has previously ruled upon some aspect of the case, or has tried a companion case, and therefore is familiar with the issues of the case.

### **Improper Influencing of Case Assignment**

(13) Except as provided in 7.055(12), no attorney, party, or other person may directly or indirectly attempt to influence the Presiding Judge or court staff to assign a case to any particular judge, or to avoid assignment of a case to any particular judge.

### **7.056 DISPOSITION OF CASE AFTER ASSIGNMENT TO TRIAL JUDGE, MOTION TO POSTPONE CASE ASSIGNED AT CALL MUST BE PRESENTED TO PRESIDING JUDGE**

Once a case is assigned for trial, including as a case set to follow, all matters affecting the trial, except any request to delay the assignment date for trial, are to be presented to the trial judge. The immediate unavailability of the trial judge is not grounds, absent an emergency, to present a matter to the Presiding Judge or any other judge. Requests for a delay of the trial date assigned by the Presiding Judge at Call must be presented to the Presiding Judge only, and shall not be made to the judge assigned for the trial of the action.

### **7.061 NOTICE TO THE COURT FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)**

(1) For purposes of complying with UTCR 7.060, if a special accommodation is needed under UTCR 7.060, prior to each proceeding in the action in which an special accommodation is needed, the party needing the accommodation for the individual must contact the Trial Court Administrator's Office. The Trial Court Administrator's Office makes arrangements for special accommodations under the ADA upon notification required by UTCR 7.060.

(2) The Trial Court Administrator's Office Multnomah County may be contacted by calling (503) 988-3957 or TDD (503) 988-3907. The Trial Court Administrator's Office is open to take

calls under this rule each business day from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**7.071                    SCHEDULING FOREIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS UNDER UTCR  
7.070**

(1) For purposes of complying with UTCR 7.070, if a foreign language interpreter is needed, the party in need of an interpreter, prior to each proceeding in the action in which an interpreter is needed, must contact the Court Interpreter Services Office in Multnomah County as provided in UTCR 7.070. Court Interpreter Services schedules interpreters upon receiving the notification required by UTCR 7.070.

(2) The Court Interpreter Services Office in Multnomah County may be contacted by calling (503) 988-3515. The Interpreter Services Office is open to take calls each business day from 8:00 am to Noon and from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

**7.075                    PARTICIPATION IN APPROPRIATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

(1) Every civil and family law case shall be subject to subsection (2) of this rule.

(2) All parties and their attorneys, if any, are required to participate in some form of appropriate dispute resolution, beyond negotiation directly or indirectly to reach a joint settlement, including, but not limited to, arbitration, mediation or judicial settlement conference. The parties must sign and file, within 270 days from the filing of the first complaint or petition in the action, a certificate (See Form 05-31, Page 111, Appendix of Forms) indicating that the parties have participated in such ADR mechanisms. If the action is fully disposed of in the circuit court within 270 days from the filing of the first complaint or petition in the action, no certificate need be filed under this rule.

(3) The requirements of this rule shall not require mediation or arbitration of a case otherwise exempt from arbitration or mediation requirements by statute, but the parties and attorneys, if any, of any case so exempted shall be required to participate in a judicial settlement conference.

(4) The court may impose sanctions pursuant to UTCR 1.090 against any party who fails to comply with subsection (2) of this rule, or who

(a) fails to attend a scheduled mediation session, arbitration hearing or judicial settlement conference;

(b) fails to act in good faith during the mediation, arbitration or judicial settlement conference;

(c) fails to submit on a timely basis paperwork required as a part of the mediation, arbitration or judicial settlement conference; or

- (d) fails to have a principal necessary to approve the resolution of the case present or readily available, by telephone or other means, at the time of the mediation, arbitration or judicial settlement conference, unless, in advance, the court grants the party or attorney leave from compliance with this subsection of the rule.
- (5) Nothing in this rule restricts or removes the constitutional right of the parties to a trial.

## CHAPTER 8

### DOMESTIC RELATIONS, CIVIL COMMITMENT, AND NAME CHANGES

#### 8.011 SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

The following cases shall be subject to the rules of this chapter: dissolution and annulment of marriages, separation, child and spousal support, filiations, dissolution of domestic partnerships, family abuse prevention, adoption, name changes, and habeas corpus proceedings involving children, civil commitments and such other cases as shall be assigned to the Chief Family Law Judge for case management purposes by the Presiding Judge.

#### 8.012 DOCKETING

(1) Assignment of trials and motions shall be handled by the Chief Family Law Judge or designee.

(2) All contested matters not set before the Judge of the Case as described in SLR 8.015(4) or specially set under 8.015(5) shall be scheduled either on the Trial Assignment Docket or the Rotation Docket of the Family Court.

(a) The Trial Assignment Docket consists of all matters scheduled for judicial hearing that have not been retained for hearing by the Judge of the Case, specially assigned to an individual judge by the Chief Family Law Judge, or set on the Family Law Rotation Docket. The Family Law Clerks (currently in Room 211) place cases on this docket when the pleadings indicate the case is at issue. Parties requesting judicial time for contested matters may contact the Family Law Clerks to obtain available dates. Procedures for the Trial Assignment Docket are set out in SLR 8.015.

(b) The Family Law Rotation Docket consists of multiple matters set for the same start time and expected to last only 30 minutes or less. On Monday and Thursdays, these matters are abuse prevention restraining order hearings; on Tuesdays, the matters are State-initiated child support cases. Early Thursday morning, name change requests are also heard on this docket. The Family Law Rotation does not handle short matters other than these proceedings.

(i) When an individual matter set on the Rotation Docket is expected to last more than 30 minutes, a party shall contact the Family Law Clerk to request that the case be transferred to the Trial Assignment Docket, after notice to the other party. This transfer will be granted but the case will be placed on the Trial Assignment Docket for hearing the same day as the matter would have been heard on the Rotation Docket, unless the parties agree otherwise. The party requesting the transfer must provide written notice of Trial Assignment Docket procedures to the other party and certify this action in writing.

(ii) The request to transfer must be made at least three (3) working days before the date of the scheduled hearing on the Rotation Docket. If the request is made less than three days before the scheduled hearing, the parties must either (a) appear before a Judge assigned ex parte responsibility and request court approval of a late transfer or (b) direct the request to the Rotation Judge at the time of the scheduled hearing.

(3) Matters on the Trial Assignment Docket may be reset twice in the “regular course” by agreement of all parties through the Calendar Unit of the Family Law Clerks. “Regular course” is a one-month postponement. Other requests to reset a hearing on the Trial Assignment Docket must be made by motion to the Chief Family Law Judge or designee at ex parte, after notice to the other party. If the motion to reset is made at ex parte time, the party requesting the re-set must comply with SLR 8.041(3). Set-over requests of motions assigned to the Judge of the Case shall be heard by that Judge or the Judge’s designee. Motions not settled or reset within 5 months of filing will be automatically dismissed without notice to the parties.

(4) Motions to postpone docketed hearings on abuse prevention restraining orders must be in writing and presented to a Family Law Judge. If the motion to reset is made at ex parte time, the party requesting the re-set must comply with SLR 8.041(3). Subsection (2) of this rule applies to requests to transfer an abuse prevention restraining order case from the Rotation Docket to the Trial Assignment Docket.

(5) Motions to modify judgments require written responses from opposing parties within 30 days from the date of service if the motion is contested. If a written response is filed, the Family Law Clerks will set the motion on the Trial Assignment Docket for assignment for hearing and will send notice to all parties of the date set for Trial Assignment for assignment of the motion. If the motion to modify a judgment is filed on a case that has been retained by a specific judge, then the Family Law Clerks will notify the judge. The judge’s staff will set the motion to modify the judgment for hearing and will notify the parties of the date and time of the event; all scheduling issues must be submitted to the judge who retained the case.

(6) The Family Court Services Division may designate a matter as a priority case if custody is in dispute and the child or children will suffer exposure to substantial harm by the existing custodial arrangement. The Director of the Family Court Services Division shall notify the Chief Family Law Judge of the designation and also advise the parties and/or their attorneys. The Chief Family Law Judge will assign an expedited hearing date and shall give priority to such designated cases on the trial docket.

(7) In Domestic Relations cases consolidated with Juvenile cases, all matters will be docketed and heard at the Juvenile Justice Center located at 1401 NE 68th Avenue in Portland unless the Judge of the Case orders otherwise.

### **8.013 IN CAMERA REVIEWS**

(1) Parties in a domestic relations case seeking an in camera review of documents shall file a motion describing the records to be reviewed, the information the party seeks to obtain from the records, and the authority for the in camera review.

(2) The motion will be placed on the Trial Assignment Docket to be assigned for hearing. If the motion is stipulated, the parties will report to the Family Law Clerks that fact and the estimated amount of time needed for the review when the case is assigned. The Judge receiving the assignment from the Trial Assignment Docket will conduct the in camera review if the motion is granted or stipulated. If the case has an assigned Judge of the Case, the party requesting the review must contact that trial department to schedule a hearing on the motion. The Judge of the Case will make arrangements for another judicial officer to conduct the review, if the motion for review is granted.

(3) Parties seeking in camera reviews shall direct delivery of the documents to be examined to room 131.

## **8.015 CASE ASSIGNMENT**

Case Assignment for Family Law from the Trial Assignment Docket

- (1) An explanation and suggested language for the Family Court's Trial Assignment procedures are posted on the Multnomah County Circuit Court's public website at <http://courts.oregon.gov/Multnomah>.
- (2) In all cases set on the Trial Assignment Docket, the parties must report in person at the designated courtroom at 9:00 a.m. on the court business day prior to the date of the hearing or trial. The parties shall report at that time the settlement or the time needed for hearing or trial of the case. A party may report information for another party only with the agreement of both parties. The courtroom designated for Trial Assignment is listed daily on the Domestic Relations bulletin board in Room 210. When assignment to a specific judicial officer is made at the time of Trial Assignment, a party desiring a change of judge must inform the judge presiding at Trial Assignment that a Motion to Change Judge will be filed.
- (3) Once a case is assigned to a Family Law Judge and the matter is heard for one hour duration or more, that Judge becomes the Judge of the Case unless the judge expressly states to the contrary. All future hearings will be specially set with that Judge's staff. Once a Response is filed, the setting of trials in dissolution cases, etc. will be effected by the parties through the Judge of the Case's Judicial Assistant.
- (4) Cases needing status as a "special set" (a case requiring one (1) or more days of judicial time, i.e., six (6) or more hours of court time) will be assigned in advance to an individual judge when a party makes this request to the Chief Family Law Judge or designee.

### **Advising the Chief Family Law Judge**

- (5) Any party appearing before the Chief Family Law Judge or designee for purposes of assignment must advise that Judge that a particular judge has previously ruled on some contested aspect of the case.

### **Improper Influencing of Case Assignment**

- (6) Except as provided in 8.015(4) above, no attorney, party, or other person may directly or indirectly attempt to influence the Chief Family Law Judge or designee or court staff to assign a case to any particular judge, or to avoid assignment of a case to any particular judge.

## **8.017 TRIAL SETTINGS FOR DISSOLUTION, ANNULMENT, AND SEPARATION PETITIONS; CASE AGE LIMITATIONS**

- (1) Immediately upon the filing of any Petition for Dissolution, Annulment, or Separation, the Court will assign a dismissal date 180 days from the date of filing.
- (2) If no appearance is made or a default judgment has not been entered by the 180th day, the case will be dismissed for want of prosecution by the Chief Family Law Judge or designee. This dismissal shall be final unless the Chief Family Law Judge or designee, for good cause shown, orders otherwise.
- (3) If, prior to the 180-day dismissal date, and upon application to the Chief Family Law Judge or designee by motion and in person at ex parte, good cause is shown, the Chief Family Law Judge or designee may extend the dismissal date.

(4) Cases at issue shall be set for trial. Postponements shall be requested pursuant to SLR 7.035, to the Chief Family Law Judge or designee, but to the Judge of the Case when one exists.

(5) Dissolution, annulment, and separation cases shall proceed to trial within eight months of the date of filing, except upon application at ex parte to the Chief Family Law Judge or designee and after notice to the other party as set out in SLR 8.041(3).

#### **8.041 EX PARTE APPEARANCES AND OTHER MATTERS NOT DOCKETED FOR HEARING**

##### (1) Matters Heard Ex Parte

No matter shall be heard ex parte (i.e., without notice to the other side) unless specifically authorized by Oregon statute or court rule. Any motion presented without notice to the other party shall comply with UTCR 5.060 (2) (contain the words “ex parte” in the caption) and shall also cite the specific statute or rule that allows the motion to be presented without notice.

##### (2) Matters Heard at Ex Parte Time

At least one Family Court Judge is available twice daily (at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.) to hear permissible ex parte matters and potentially contested emergency and scheduling motions. The assignment of those judges is posted daily in Room 211. On retained cases, parties should contact the Judge of a Case regarding that Judge’s availability.

##### (3) Notice Requirements on Ex Parte, Emergency, or Scheduling Motions

Except where a statute or rule explicitly allows an appearance without notice to the other party, a party seeking relief at scheduled or specially-arranged ex parte times must provide two (2) working days notice to the opposing party of the date, time, and court where the relief will be sought. The party seeking relief at ex parte time must provide written certification of the date, time, and manner in which the opposing party was provided notice of the planned appearance as well as the opposing party’s position on the matter to be presented (for example, “Agrees,” “Disagrees,” or other short explanation).

##### (4) Motions Not Docketed for Hearing

(a) All motions or requests shall be handled under this rule unless they are stipulated, have been scheduled for hearing, are accompanied by a statutorily-required notice regarding the opposing party’s right to request a hearing, or are appropriately heard under SLR 8.041(1-3).

(b) Any motion subject to this rule shall be filed with the court and shall be in a document separate from a proposed order. The motion and a proposed order must be served on all parties entitled to notice. The proposed order must be clearly labeled as a Proposed Order. The motion must contain in bold type in the body of the motion and following the caption the following Notice:

“NOTICE TO PARTY RECEIVING THESE PAPERS: If you disagree with any request in this Motion or Proposed Order, you must file with the Court a written Request for Hearing setting out in specific terms what request(s) you oppose. You must also serve (deliver) a copy of your Request for Hearing to the other party’s lawyer (or to the other

party if the other party has no attorney). You must pay any filing fee required by law for filing your Request for Hearing or obtain a court order waiving (canceling) or deferring (postponing) payment of this fee. You must file this written Request for Hearing no later than fourteen (14) days after this motion and Proposed Order has been served on you. You must include your case number on this Request for Hearing. If you do not file a Request for Hearing within the time allowed, the Court may sign the Proposed Order without further notice to you.”

(c) If no Request for Hearing is filed within the 14 day period, the moving party may present the proposed order on the 17<sup>th</sup> day after service. The moving party may seek the proposed order during scheduled ex parte time or by mail directed to the court. The proposed order submitted shall contain proof of service including the written certification of the moving party that the motion and proposed order were served in compliance with this rule and that no Request for Hearing was filed by the deadline. The moving party need not provide additional notice to the served party of the moving party’s intent or appearance to seek approval of an order consistent with the motion.

(d) If the moving party is served with a copy of a Request for Hearing objecting to any part of the motion, that moving party shall contact the Family Law Clerks to schedule a hearing date. The parties shall take reasonable efforts to confer with the Family Law Clerks on the setting of the date.

#### **8.044 MOTIONS TO SET ASIDE ORDERS AND JUDGMENTS OF DISMISSAL**

Unless stipulated, Motions to vacate (1) Orders of Dismissals when the motion has not been scheduled for hearing and (2) Orders of Dismissal not yet reduced to Judgment are handled under SLR 8.041. Once a Judgment of Dismissal has been entered, parties must comply with ORCP 71 unless they stipulate otherwise.

**8.045 See SLR 12.015 regarding mediation in family law cases.**

#### **8.046 MEDIATION COMPLIANCE REQUIRED TO PROCEED TO HEARING**

(1) No temporary hearing regarding custody or parenting time will be set unless an Order for mediation has been obtained, an Order Waiving Mediation has been entered, or the parties have attended mediation since the filing of the Petition.

(2) When the parties call in to report readiness for a trial setting, if Mediation and Parenting Time Education have not been completed, in cases where child custody or parenting time are at issue, trial will not be set. On cases retained by a Family Court Judge, trial settings sought through that Judge’s judicial assistant will not be set unless mediation has been completed or waived or an Order for Mediation has been entered. Parties confirming trial readiness with that judge’s department will be expected to confirm completion of Mediation and of Parenting Time Education.

(3) For motions to modify child custody or parenting time, a Mediation Order will be a condition to the setting of a hearing date. If any cases come before the court without completion or waiver of mediation, the hearing will be reset and the parties sent to mediation.

**8.047 CUSTODY AND PARENTING TIME EVALUATIONS BY FAMILY COURT SERVICES DIVISION**

- (1) Evaluations are conducted only by Order of the Court.
- (2) All requests for evaluations require the filing of a Motion for Custody or Parenting Time Evaluation which shall be scheduled on any Friday morning at 8:30 am. The adverse party must be served with such Motion and Order which the moving party may obtain ex parte.
- (3) Parenting time and custody evaluations are not permissible in the following cases:
  - (a) Contempt or parenting time enforcement cases;
  - (b) Cases in which the current matter has been pending for more than 6 months;
  - (c) Cases in which the children are all over 15;
  - (d) Cases in which there has been a professional evaluation within the past two years, except to obtain an update. Updates only will be ordered where there has been a substantial change of circumstances since the completion of the last evaluation;
  - (e) Pending Juvenile Dependency cases;
  - (f) Cases in which the only matter pending is a Family Abuse Prevention Act restraining order;
  - (g) Cases in Probate Guardianship; and
  - (h) Cases in which a parent is in prison.
- (4) At the appearance on Friday morning, the parties shall present to the court a one-page list of reasons why an evaluation is needed.

**8.057 WHEN FAMILY COURT SERVICES DIVISION WILL NOT BE REQUIRED OR AVAILABLE TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION**

Under the following circumstances Family Court Services Division will not conduct an evaluation.

- (1) A custody or parenting time evaluation will not be performed without the order of a Family Court Judge if a case involving the parties has recently been filed in the Juvenile Court.
- (2) In cases where there has been a substantial break in the parent-child relationship, a history of abuse or significant criminal history, supervised visits, if any, would be the first step, not an evaluation.
- (3) Resources of the Family Court Services Division must not be further allocated to a family. This applies when the family has been the subject of prior evaluations by Family Court Services Division and a conclusion has been reached by Family Court Services Division or the Court that the state of the relationship between the parties is such that the issues require no further consideration by Family Court Services Division. Although not limited to the following circumstances, this applies when:

- (a) Closure of the case is in the child’s best interest;
  - (b) A non-custodial parent’s actions reflect an unwillingness to accept prior determinations in the case, to the extent that a pattern of harassment has developed;
  - (c) Both parents have engaged in ongoing, destructive litigation rather than seeking solutions and Family Court Services Division resources have been utilized to the extent that no further benefit could be achieved by continuing Family Court Services Division involvement.
- (4) If the Family Court Services Division (or one or more staff members) becomes the subject of a complaint to a professional licensing body, or in the event that an action is filed against Multnomah County based on activity of an employee of Family Court Services Division, there shall be no further involvement of Family Court Services Division with the parties.

**8.061 CHILD SUPPORT WORKSHEETS**

The child support computation worksheets appended to OAR 137-050-0320 to 137-050-0490 are required whenever a claim for child support has been raised by the pleadings. Even if the parties have agreed to an award of zero support at the time an order or judgment is signed or the court otherwise orders zero support , the worksheets are required to enable the court to make the legally required findings regarding the presumptive amount of support and the reason(s) to rebut that presumptive amount.

**8.075 MULTNOMAH COUNTY PARENTING PLAN GUIDELINES**

- (1) The Fourth Judicial District does not adopt a standardized parenting plan, and the previous “Multnomah County Standard Parenting Time Guidelines” formerly contained in the Appendix to the Supplementary Local Rules are withdrawn.
- (2) Oregon law requires that judgments addressing parenting time contain a parenting time plan. The Fourth Judicial District expects that parenting time plans will meet the individual needs and circumstances of children and their families by taking into consideration the following basic parenting principles:
- (a) It is usually in a child’s best interest to have frequent, meaningful and continuing contact with each parent. It is assumed that each parent nurtures his or her child in important ways which are significant to the development and well being of the child;
  - (b) Each child and family is unique. In order to meet the individual needs of the child(ren) the parties shall consider the following:
    - i. the developmental stage(s) and any special needs of their child(ren),
    - ii. the child(ren)’s school and activity schedules, and
    - iii. practical factors such as the distance between households, the number of transitions for the child(ren), and any other relevant practical considerations.
  - (c) A safety focused parenting plan, which may restrict parenting time, shall be considered whenever the family has been experiencing domestic violence, child abuse, serious mental illness, or significant substance abuse issues;

- (d) It is usually best for the parties to develop their own parenting time schedule through mediation or with the help of legal counsel. Unless waived by the Court, mediation is required when parents are in dispute about custody or parenting time; and
  - (e) Changes in the developmental needs of children may require a modification of the parenting plan.
- (3) The court recommends the following resources to create an appropriate parenting plan:
- (a) The “Basic Parenting Plan Guide for Parents,” “Safety Focused Parenting Plan Guide for Parents,” or “Long Distance Parenting Plan Form” which are available at <http://courts.oregon.gov/>, or at the Multnomah County Family Law Facilitator’s Office, Room 211 of the County Courthouse, and
  - (b) Other materials, forms and resources available at the following sites:
    - i. Multnomah County Family Law Facilitator’s Office, Room 211 of the County Courthouse – 503.988.4003
    - ii. Multnomah County Family Court Services, Room 350 of the County Courthouse – 503.988.3189
    - iii. The Multnomah County Circuit Court Website - <http://courts.oregon.gov/Multnomah/>.

**8.077 SUPERVISED PARENTING TIME**

For Domestic Relations and Family Abuse Prevention Act cases in which the court imposes the requirement of supervised parenting time, the parties to the case and the supervisor must comply with the following:

- (1) The supervisor is required to explain the rules for supervised parenting time to the parent who is supervised, unless the supervisor knows that the parent was previously informed. This must include an explanation of supervised parenting time rules set forth in any court order or judgment in the case, and any other rules that are necessary due to unique conditions at the designated location or other circumstances that may reasonably impact a successful parenting time experience, as identified by the Judge, the supervisor, or the involved agency;
- (2) The custodial parent is not allowed to be present or to impose additional rules or to make additional demands concerning supervised parenting time;
- (3) Only if accompanied by the supervisor and with the supervisor’s express consent, may the supervised parent and children leave the designated location for the supervised parenting time;
- (4) The supervised parent shall not engage in conversation that exposes the child to “adult issues” in the case, especially if the case involves an allegation of verbal abuse or an allegation of attempts to alienate the other parent from the child. The supervisor is required to immediately address the problem with the supervised parent if this rule is violated. If the supervised parent makes additional statements in violation of this rule after the supervisor’s admonition, or if the nature of the initial comment is a significant violation of this rule, parenting time on that particular date shall be terminated and the case shall be reviewed by the court to determine whether any further supervised parenting time will be allowed;

- (5) Physical discipline of the child during supervised parenting time is prohibited;
- (6) The supervisor is required to keep the supervised parent within view and within hearing range for the duration of the supervised parenting time;
- (7) The purpose of supervised parenting time is to allow interaction with the child for the benefit of the child. Therefore, the supervised parent is prohibited from initiating or engaging in conversation during supervised parenting time which does not further this objective. The supervisor's role is to prevent the child's exposure to "adult issues" in the case and to discourage any inappropriate communication.

#### **8.085 APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL FOR CHILDREN**

The Court may appoint counsel for children in cases arising under ORS Chapter 107 upon its own motion or upon motion of either party pursuant to ORS 107.425(3), and shall appoint counsel if requested to do so by one or more of the children. A reasonable fee may be imposed by the Court against either or both of the parties or as a cost in the proceedings.

The procedure for appointment of counsel for children in cases arising under ORS Chapters 107-109 shall be as follows:

- (1) In its sole discretion, the Court may appoint counsel for the children on its own motion with or without prior notice to the parties.
- (2) A person requesting appointment of counsel for a child or children must petition the Court for an order setting forth the reasons for such request. After reasonable notice to all parties, the person seeking such appointment shall appear and request an Order Appointing Counsel.
- (3) The Court will appoint counsel where requested to do so by one or more children.
- (4) Orders appointing counsel issued by the Court may contain provision for payment of attorney fees and terms for payment. No Order will be issued until counsel has agreed to accept such appointment upon the fee terms set forth.
- (5) To the extent possible, appointed counsel will represent their clients' legal interests in obtaining a secure, stable home life and a balanced relationship with both parents and will be answerable only to their client and to the Court. The parents or persons having physical custody of the child shall cooperate in allowing counsel opportunity for private consultation with the child or children, including making or assisting with arrangements for the children's transportation to the attorneys' office or some other reasonable meeting place and reasonable phone communication if needed.
- (6) Counsel to be appointed for children shall meet the Court's standards for qualification in family law matters and in the resolution of custody/parenting time issues.

#### **8.125 PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM**

- (1) The following cases are subject to this rule:
  - (a) annulment or dissolution of marriage actions;

- (b) legal separation actions;
  - (c) petitions to establish paternity, custody or parenting time;
  - (d) post-judgment litigation involving changes in custody or parenting time in which the parties have not previously completed a program as required by this Rule.
- (2) All parents of a child under the age of 18 years involved in a case described under subsection (1), above, shall complete successfully the education for divorcing parents program offered by the Division of Family Court Services or a pre-approved alternate education program.
- (a) Parties shall register for the program or make application for approval of an alternate program within 15 days of receiving notice of this education requirement.
  - (b) All parties shall complete the program before the earlier of any hearing on a custody or parenting time issue or entry of a judgment. Excepted from this deadline are hearings regarding emergency orders under ORS 107.097(3) and 107.139 and pre-judgment protective orders of restraint under ORS 107.097(2). In these cases, the class must be completed prior to entry of judgment unless the court orders a earlier completion date. On post-judgment status quo orders under ORS 107.138, the movant must register for the class prior to the hearing, and complete it if possible prior to the hearing, if the movant did not attend the class prior to judgment.
  - (c) Parties who have completed successfully the parent education program once are not required to repeat this program at a later time in order to seek modification of the judgment.
- (3) Notice and instructions to the moving party of this requirement will be provided by the trial court administrator at the time the initial pleadings are filed. The moving party shall serve a copy of such notice on respondent along with the summons and pleadings. The moving party's return of service on the responding party shall indicate service of the notice with the summons and pleadings.
- (4) The fee for the court-offered program may be waived or deferred if the party has obtained a waiver or deferral of fees in the case in chief.
- (5) Each party who successfully completes the Court's program or a pre-approved alternate program, shall submit a certificate of completion to the judge at trial or with documents resolving the matter.
- (6) Upon a showing of good cause, a party may request a waiver of the requirements of this Rule. The request must be made by motion, supported by affidavit, and filed within 15 days of receipt of the Trial Court Administrator's notice.
- (a) "Good Cause" includes that the party lives more than 100 miles from Portland or is in poor health.
  - (b) If good cause is found, the court may require the party excused to view video materials having the same or similar information.
  - (c) The fact that one party is relieved from the requirements of this Rule, does not form a basis for excusing the other party.

(7) Court action in these cases shall not be delayed by a party's refusal, failure or delay in registering for or completing this program or the failure to comply with the requirements of this Rule, unless the noncomplying party is the moving party. Upon a party's failure to complete the education program successfully or failure to comply with the requirements of this Rule, the court may take appropriate action including but not limited to denial of the relief sought by that party, or proceedings for contempt.

### **8.135 FAMILY COURT SERVICES**

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners established a Family Court Services Division within the Department of Juvenile and Adult Community Justice. In addition to any other duties assigned by the Board of Commissioners or the Department, the Family Court Services Division attends upon the court to obey its lawful orders and directions. In carrying out its duties to the court, the Family Court Services Division provides the following services to parties within the court's jurisdiction:

- (1) **Conciliation:** The Division provides conciliation services for parties in domestic relation matters as provided by ORS 107.510 to 107.610. All Division conciliation records and conciliation communications, oral or written, are confidential, and Division employees and the parties may not be examined about such records or communications and neither may be used in any civil or criminal action.
- (2) **Mediation:** The Division will mediate all domestic relations actions that involve controversial custody, parenting time or visitation of children. This includes requests for joint custody and contempt matters involving parties who are non-parents. The mediation is subject to SLR 12.015. The mediator will report the outcome to the Court and the parties or their counsel in writing. Mediation proceedings are private.

All Division mediation records and all mediation communications, oral or written, are confidential. Division employees and the parties may not be examined about such records or communications, and the records may not be used in any civil or criminal action.

- (3) **Evaluation:** When directed by court order or these rules, the Division may conduct an investigation and evaluation of the parties whenever mediation does not resolve all custody, parenting time and visitation issues or when mediation is inappropriate or waived. The sole purpose of the investigation and evaluation is to assist the Court. In accordance with ORS 107.425, the evaluations will include the character of the parties, family relations and past conduct in a report. The investigative findings shall be offered as and subject to all rules of evidence. Evaluation proceedings are private. Evaluation records, all evaluation communications, oral and written, may not be disclosed to parties outside of the proceedings without a court order.

- (4) **Parent Education Programs:** The Division provided parent education programs as provided by ORS 3.425.

### **8.137 PARENTING COORDINATORS**

- (1) **Qualifications:** Parenting Coordinators in Multnomah County shall meet or exceed all the following qualifications and will continue to meet ongoing requirements as described.
  - (a) **Education.** A Parenting Coordinator must possess at least one of the following

- (i) A master's or doctoral degree and professional license in counseling, psychiatry, psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy, mental health or conflict resolution from an accredited college or university; or
- (ii) An authorization to practice as a domestic relations mediator in Multnomah County per the Court's list of approved domestic relations mediators.

(b) Training. A Parenting Coordinator must have experience and/or professional training in the following areas:

- (i) Parenting coordination;
- (ii) Conflict resolution;
- (iii) Child development and psychology;
- (iv) Mental health and substance abuse;
- (v) Domestic violence and child abuse;
- (vi) Domestic relations legal issues;
- (vii) Ethical standards including confidentiality, dual roles and objectivity

(c) Continuing education. As an ongoing obligation, Parenting Coordinators must complete any continuing education requirements of their profession.

(2) Conduct

(a) Parenting Coordinators, as an ongoing obligation, shall subscribe to the specific ethics identified by their profession

(b) No individual whose professional license has been revoked, or surrendered while disciplinary proceedings are pending before professional licensing entities shall be eligible for initial or continued appointment as a parenting coordinator;

(c) Individuals who have served as a counselor, attorney, mediator, or evaluator to a party/parties will not serve as a parenting coordinator to the same party/parties without the express written and informed consent of the party/parties, and careful consideration of potential conflicts of interest.

(3) Motions for appointments of Parenting Coordinators shall contain certification that the appointee meets the qualification of this rule.

**8.138 CUSTODY OR PARENTING TIME ISSUES IN PATERNITY CASES**

(1) Proceedings to establish or modify custody or parenting time where paternity has been established must be brought pursuant to ORS 109.103. If support has been established in a separate proceeding and is an issue, the moving party must file with his/her petition a motion and proposed order to consolidate the cases into the proceeding brought pursuant to ORS 109.103.

(2) Custody or visitation proceedings brought under ORS 109.175 as modifications of administrative orders establishing paternity or support will be dismissed upon application of the opposing party or by the Court on its own motion.

## **8.145 CIVIL COMMITMENT PROCEEDINGS**

The following rules shall apply in all commitment hearings conducted pursuant to ORS Chapter 426.

- (1) Counsel for the AMIP may make a brief opening statement for the purpose of informing the Court and the examiners as to the AMIP's position and desires as to the outcome. The District Attorney may make an opening statement only upon leave of the Court.
- (2) Unless there is a specific objection, the Court will receive into evidence the following:
  - (a) The Investigator's Report which shall be identified as exhibit #1. Those portions of the Investigator's Report which are labeled hearsay shall be excluded and will not be considered by the Court, unless the Court specifically states otherwise.
  - (b) The certified copy of the Mental Health Division's hospitalization history which shall be identified as exhibit #2.
- (3) Unless counsel for the AMIP or the District Attorney specifically request otherwise, the order of the trial shall be as follows:
  - (a) Opening statement by defense counsel;
  - (b) The examiners shall conduct a mental-status examination;
  - (c) The State shall present its witnesses and other evidence;
  - (d) The AMIP may present witnesses and other evidence;
  - (e) The State may present rebuttal;
  - (f) The examiners shall submit their reports to be followed by questions from counsel and the Court.

## **8.155 NAME CHANGES**

- (1) The petitioner or the petitioner's attorney must be personally present at the change of name hearing or the petition will be dismissed and the petitioner will be required to re-file the petition and pay the required filing fee.
- (2) In name changes involving the change of name of a minor, the guardian ad litem, or the attorney for the guardian is required to file proof that the Petition for Change of Name was served on the parent(s) of the child.

## CHAPTER 9

### PROBATE PROCEEDINGS

#### 9.015 SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION; TRUST CASES

- (1) The Chief Family Law Judge (hereafter “Chief Judge”) has jurisdiction over all Decedents' Estates, Conservatorship of Adults and Minors, and Guardianships of Adults and Minors.
- (2) Matters arising from the administration of Trusts shall be filed in the Probate Section and heard by the Chief Judge or designee.

#### 9.016 ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Probate proceedings shall be subject to the alternative dispute resolution rules in Chapter 12, Mediation in Probate Proceedings (SLR 12.045).

#### 9.025 HOW MATTERS FOR PROBATE ARE TO BE PRESENTED; CONFERENCE; HEARING; EMERGENCIES

- (1) Probate matters requiring authorization, approval, or signature of the Chief Judge or designee shall first be presented to the Probate Section of the Civil Division for review. If the matter is assigned to a judge other than the Chief Judge, the party presenting it shall so advise the Probate Section's staff.
- (2) If the matter cannot be approved without an appearance, the party will be so advised by notice within three judicial days and the matter will be set for conference, or hearing.
- (3) Hearings or ex parte appearances may be scheduled by request to the Probate Section. Before requesting a hearing, requesting counsel should confer with other counsel and advise the Probate Section staff of the estimated time required. (Refer to SLR 8.012 and 8.015 for “call/assignment” process.) Requesting counsel is charged with responsibility of notifying all required parties.
- (4) Probate ex parte matters are heard Monday through Friday at 8:45 am, and must be prearranged with the Probate section.

#### 9.026 IN CAMERA REVIEWS

- (1) Parties seeking an in camera review of documents in a probate case shall file a motion in room 224 of the downtown courthouse. Such motions shall describe the records to be reviewed, the

information the party seeks to obtain from the records, and the legal authority for the in camera review.

(2) Unless stipulated, the motion will be placed on the Probate Call docket for hearing as prescribed by SLR 9.025(3). If a judge is already assigned to the case, the attorneys must contact that trial department to schedule a hearing on the motion.

(3) If the motion is granted documents shall be directed to room 131 of the downtown courthouse.

### **9.035 DELINQUENT FILINGS**

In the event of a delinquency or deficiency in filing any document required by statute or court order, the attorney and the fiduciary will be sent an Order to Show Cause for removal of the fiduciary or a finding of contempt. The personal representative, conservator, or guardian, together with counsel of record, must appear unless the matter has been corrected at least three judicial days prior to the Show Cause hearing. If the delinquency or defect has not been corrected by time of the hearing, sanctions may be imposed.

### **9.045 RESIGNATION OF COUNSEL; NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

If a bond has been posted, the insurer must be notified of the resignation and substitution of counsel.

### **9.055 SETTLEMENT OF PERSONAL INJURY OR WRONGFUL DEATH CLAIMS: REQUIREMENTS WHEN MINOR CHILD OR INCAPACITATED PERSON APPEARS BY GUARDIAN AD LITEM**

(1) Except as permitted by ORS 126.725 for a minor child, a petition for approval of a settlement of a personal injury or wrongful death claim on behalf of a minor child, incapacitated person or decedent shall be accompanied by an affidavit which sets forth the following:

- (a) A description of the incident causing the injury or death;
- (b) A description of the injuries;
- (c) The amount of the prayer and settlement. (If a structured settlement is requested, the present value of the future payments should be indicated);
- (d) The amount of the attorney fees and costs;
- (e) The proposed disposition of the settlement proceeds;

- (f) A concise statement explaining the reasons for the settlement and the efforts to maximize recovery;
  - (g) A statement explaining that the attorney has independently evaluated the interests of the injured party;
  - (h) A statement explaining that the attorney has examined every medical record; and
  - (i) A statement explaining why it is necessary and proper to settle the case at the present time.
- (2) If a civil action has been filed in this circuit court on behalf of a minor child, incapacitated person or decedent for the loss, injury or death which is the basis of the proposed settlement, the original petition and affidavit must be filed in the civil action. A copy of the petition with a form of proposed order for approval of the settlement shall be delivered to the Probate Section to be forwarded to the probate judge for action.
- (3) A conservatorship on behalf of the minor child or incapacitated person generally will be required for any case where personal injury or wrongful death settlement proceeds are at issue.
- (a) Bond and standard annual accounting requirements may be waived if the funds are restricted until the minor attains the age of majority. In lieu of such accountings the court will require copies of the first and last bank statements for each standard accounting period to be filed with the court.
  - (b) Restricted accounts on behalf of a minor child or incapacitated person must be confirmed by a signed acknowledgment from the bank or brokerage firm which discloses the account number, type and account balance as required by UTCR 9.050 and 9.080. Exceptions for diminutive amounts may be requested.
  - (c) Approval of damage settlement amounts for the benefit of a minor child or incapacitated person appearing by a guardian ad litem in a lawsuit, except those cases assigned for trial to a trial department, are a basic responsibility of the Probate Court. The allocation of funds and the structuring of such funds is likewise the Court's responsibility. Minors and incapacitated persons should be provided with independent counsel for such issues and most commonly when a minor's funds are proposed to be withheld from them after age 18.
- (4) A fiduciary appointed by the Probate Court is required to comply with paragraph (1) of this rule and must file a motion for an order approving a settlement of a personal injury or wrongful death claim on behalf of a protected person. The motion must be supported by an affidavit setting out the required information.

**9.065            BONDS IN ESTATES WHERE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF  
INTESTATE ESTATE IS SOLE HEIR OR DEVISEE**

Notwithstanding ORS 113.105, the personal representative of an intestate estate shall be required to file a bond if the court is not satisfied that the creditors will be paid, even if the personal representative is the sole heir or devisee of the estate.

**9.073            VOUCHERS**

(1) All court-appointed fiduciaries shall maintain accounts from which the original canceled checks or copies as provided by the financial institution will be returned with each depository statement, excluding the exemptions allowed a bank or trust company per ORS 116.083(2)(d) and ORS 125.475(3).

(2) Vouchers shall be submitted in chronological order.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of UTCR 9.190, all vouchers and depository statements will be destroyed without notice 90 days after an estate or conservatorship is closed unless the personal representative, conservator, or attorney retrieves the vouchers and depository statements prior thereto, or submits a self-addressed, stamped envelope, with adequate postage for their return.

**9.075            GUARDIANSHIPS**

(1) A Petition for Guardianship shall designate, in the caption, that it is for guardianship of an adult, whether it is for a temporary or indefinite time (or both), and whether a conservatorship is also being requested.

(2) Copies of the petition, marked "VISITOR'S COPY" with supporting documentation and copies of proposed notices and the ORS 125.070 (4) respondent's objection (the blue form) attached, should be deposited with the probate clerk. After receipt of the copies, and the deposit for the visitor's investigation fee, the Probate Section staff will prepare an order appointing the Visitor.

(3) Petitions for Appointment of a Temporary Guardian should be accompanied by appropriate affidavits and medical reports. The Petition should be filed with the Probate Section of the Civil Division and presented to the Chief Judge at probate ex parte.

(4) Within 30 days after each anniversary of appointment, a Guardian for a minor shall file with the court a written report. Copies of the Guardian's Report must be given to those persons specified in ORS 125.060 (3). The report shall be in the form prescribed by the court. (See Guardianship Report Form, Pages 112-113, Appendix of Forms.)

## **9.081 PRESENTATION OF ORAL OBJECTIONS**

Any person may present oral objections to a petition in a protective proceeding by appearing in Room 224, Multnomah County Courthouse, 1021 SW Fourth Avenue, Portland from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each judicial day.

## **9.085 PRO PER APPEARANCES IN PROBATE COURT; APPROVAL**

(1) If a personal representative or conservator intends to appear without an attorney in any matter assigned to the Probate Court, that person must provide to the Court notice of such intent and proof of competency in such matters. If such proof provided is not sufficient to assure the Court that the estate or interest will be protected, the Court shall take appropriate action.

(2) A person other than a personal representative, conservator, or corporation may appear in person without counsel in any matter before the Probate Court as authorized or allowed by law. The person appearing and counsel for the personal representative shall notify the Probate Court if any party to a proceeding is appearing pro per. The Chief Judge or designee shall decide whether further hearings shall be required.

## **9.095 ATTORNEY FEES AND CORPORATE FIDUCIARY FEES APPROVAL**

(1) Attorney fee expenses under ORS 116.183 and 125.095 must be approved by the court.

(a) Such requests must be accompanied by a statement for attorney fees, filed in the form required by UTCR 5.080, showing the number of hours expended, the hourly rate charged, and a designation of title for each person performing work.

(b) In addition to the information required by UTCR 5.080 for a civil action, under this rule the statement also must include a description of normal attorney tasks with hours expended. For extraordinary activities, the statement must also concisely address the following issues to be resolved and the process and time spent on each:

- (i) For establishing and funding trusts, a brief narrative must identify complexities involved;
- (ii) For tax planning, describe objectives and activities required;
- (iii) For tax returns, indicate the number filed and the nature of the returns;
- (iv) For tax audits and hearings, describe the issues addressed;
- (v) For disclaimers, describe the circumstances and complexities;
- (vi) For real estate management problems, include issues regarding compliance with local, state and federal authorities;
- (vii) Discuss sales of real property;
- (viii) Discuss operation or sale of business interests;
- (ix) Discuss management of family-owned corporation or closely held stock;

- (x) For contested matters, indicate whether they were of benefit to or in defense of the estate;
- (xi) Discuss election of spouse/marital share;
- (xii) Discuss disputed creditor's claims.

(c) If tasks performed appear to be the duties of a personal representative, the Court will question and possibly reduce attorney fee payments for such activities.

(2) Consent by the parties to the attorney fee requests shall not waive the requirements of this rule.

### **Corporate Fiduciary Fees**

(3) Any request for approval of corporate fiduciary fees in addition to the basic percentage fee allowed pursuant to applicable statute, must be accompanied by an affidavit in compliance with 9.095(1)(A), above.

### **Private Fiduciary Fees**

(4) All requests for fiduciary fees (except those from a Personal Representative) shall be supported by an affidavit which details the services provided, the purpose of the services rendered, the results (if applicable), the hourly rate charged by the fiduciary and the reasons that hourly rate is deemed fair and reasonable.

## **9.161 FORM OF ACCOUNTINGS**

Accounting in estates and conservatorships must be submitted in the format specified in UTCR 9.160.

**CHAPTER 10**  
**RESERVED FOR EXPANSION**

## **CHAPTER 11**

### **JUVENILE COURT**

#### **11.015 JUVENILE COURT MATTERS**

- (1) Juvenile court hearings. The Chief Family Law Judge or designee shall have responsibility over juvenile matters. Hearings will be scheduled at the Juvenile Justice Complex, 1401 NE 68th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
- (2) Ex parte. Ex parte matters in the Juvenile Department will be heard each day after call/assignment at 8:30 am and at 1:30 pm, and at additional times as designated.
- (3) Initial shelter hearings. Shelter hearings on delinquency cases will be heard each day at 1:30 pm. Shelter hearings on dependency cases will be heard each day at 2:30 pm.
- (4) Rehearings. Requests for rehearing a referee's decision shall be filed with the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office and scheduled through the Call process. A judge may, within his or her discretion, grant an immediate rehearing.

#### **11.017 PETITION NUMBER AND JJIS NUMBER REQUIRED**

Documents submitted for filing and entry in the register in an action in the Juvenile Department must contain, in the caption of the document, the petition number and the circuit court case number assigned to the action in which the document is to be entered and the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS) number assigned to the child by the Juvenile Community Justice Division or its successor agency.

#### **11.035 REFEREES**

Juvenile Court Referees, appointed by the Court, may conduct hearings in any Juvenile Court cases, except that the following hearings shall be conducted only by a judge:

- (1) A hearing to waive a youth to adult court;
- (2) Any trial on a petition seeking the termination of parental rights.
- (3) Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties, a contested hearing on a petition alleging an act, which if done by an adult would constitute a Class A or Class B felony, or any degree of homicide;
- (4) Other matters upon good cause shown.

## **11.037 MOTION FOR A JUDGE, MOTION FOR CHANGE OF JUDGE**

### **(1) Motion for a Judge**

If a case is one that may be assigned to a referee for hearing, a motion, supported by an affidavit, may be filed to request that the case be assigned to a judge for hearing. The affidavit must allege with specificity the special circumstances supporting the request. The motion, with the supporting affidavit, must be submitted to the Chief Family Law Judge or designee prior to the assignment of the case to a referee for hearing.

### **(2) Motion for Change of Judge**

A party intending to file a motion for a change of the judge assigned must announce this intent at the time of assignment or at the time the party receives notice of the assignment. An original of a motion, order and supporting affidavit must be received by the Juvenile Clerk's office by the close of business the following day. The Clerk's Office staff will send the filing to the Chief Family Law judge. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in sanctions as provided by UTCR 1.090. The requesting party is responsible for serving a copy of the motion, affidavit and order on the judge that is the subject of the motion, and each other party to the action.

## **11.045 GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR SCHEDULING HEARINGS FOR JUVENILE CASES**

(1) Delinquency cases. When a petition is filed on a delinquency case, the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office shall schedule hearings required by statute, as well as plea, trial readiness and Call dates as follows:

(a) Plea. If the youth is in custody, a plea hearing will be set for Call seven (7) calendar days from the preliminary hearing.

(b) Trial readiness. Trial readiness is heard at Call. Attorneys shall report whether they are ready to proceed to trial. If attorneys are not ready to proceed to trial, a new trial readiness date will be set. If attorneys are ready to proceed to trial, a Call date will be set.

(i) *In custody youth*: trial readiness date is set 2 weeks from the preliminary hearing.

(ii) *Out of custody youth*: trial readiness date is set 5 weeks from the preliminary hearing.

(iii) *Community Detention youth*: trial readiness date is set 4 weeks from the preliminary hearing.

(c) Call. At the Call proceeding, the case will be assigned to a judicial officer for trial the next court day. If a party needs a setover, they shall request the setover three (3) days before the Call date. Only in emergency situations will a setover be granted at Call.

(2) Dependency cases. When a petition is filed in a dependency case, the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office schedules hearings required by statute, as well as other hearings and conferences. All reviews in a dependency case will be heard by the judge of the case.

(a) Second Shelter Hearing. A second shelter hearing may be set after the initial shelter hearing. The shelter hearing is set by the judicial officer during the initial shelter hearing, or at a later time within the judicial officer's discretion.

(b) Pre-trial conference/settlement conference. A pre-trial/settlement conference shall be set approximately 35 days from the initial shelter hearing. The conference date will be entered on the petition by the docket clerk. The pre-trial conference is set for 30 minutes before the settlement conference begins, but is not scheduled on a judicial officer's docket. If the case is not settled at the pre-trial/settlement conference, the case may be scheduled for call and trial, or for another pre-trial/settlement conference. Call, trial, and subsequent pre-trial/settlement conference dates are scheduled by the judicial officer in court.

(c) Call. At the Call proceeding, the case will be assigned to a judicial officer for trial on the following week.

(3) Termination of parental rights cases

(a) The initial hearing on a petition to terminate parental rights shall be pursuant to an Order to Show Cause. At the time of the Initial Appearance hearing, if the parents appear and contest the petition, the matter shall be set for a Best Interest/pre-trial conference, call and trial.

(b) The Best Interest/pre-trial conference shall be set before the judicial officer assigned to the case (not the trial judge), to seek possible means for resolving pre-trial issues.

(c) The parties and their attorneys are required to attend the Best Interest/pretrial conference, and call, unless they are excused, in writing, by the court.

(4) Petitions for judicial determination. Petitions must be filed with the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office. The Clerk's Office schedules an initial review and assigns a judicial officer as judge of the case. All subsequent hearings shall be set by the judge of the case either upon the Court's own motion, upon motion of the child(ren) or parent(s), or, if requested, by the Department of Human Services pursuant to ORS 418.312.

(5) Special sets. Any matter requiring a hearing not described in this rule shall be scheduled only by the judge of the case. The requesting party must coordinate with all other parties involved in the case in order to select a mutually agreeable date within the times provided by the judge of the case. The requesting party is responsible for submitting and filing the motion and the signed order.

**11.065            MOTIONS FOR SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL**

Motions for substitution of counsel due to conflicts in the attorney-client relationship must be heard by the judge of the case. All other requests for attorney substitution may be heard by any judicial officer. The motion must show the date of the next scheduled appearance, and must be accompanied by: the most recent name, address, and phone number of the client; a copy of the petition; any police reports; and all discovery material received.

**11.066            IN CAMERA REVIEWS**

(1) Parties seeking an in camera review of documents in a juvenile dependency or delinquency case shall file a motion with the court clerk in the Juvenile Justice Complex describing the records to be reviewed, the information the party seeks to obtain from the records, and the legal authority for the in camera review. Documents submitted for in camera review shall also be directed to that location.

(2) Motions for in camera review of documents in juvenile dependency or delinquency cases shall be set on the Call docket to be set for a hearing unless there is a judge of the case, in which case the motion will be scheduled on that judge’s calendar. Motions for in camera review of documents in a juvenile dependency or delinquency case shall be directed by court staff to the judge of the case for scheduling of a hearing on the motion.

**11.067            NOTICE OF SCHEDULING OR RE-SCHEDULING OF A CRITICAL-STAGE HEARING IN CASES SUBJECT TO UTCR 4.100 TO 4.120**

Supplementary Local Rule 4.111 applies in juvenile delinquency proceedings for alleged youth offenders and youth offenders in any juvenile delinquency action subject to the provisions of UTCR 4.100 to 4.120.

## CHAPTER 12

### MEDIATION

#### **12.015 FAMILY-LAW MANDATORY CUSTODY OR PARENTING TIME MEDIATION; VOLUNTARY MEDIATION; GOOD FAITH REQUIRED; WAIVER**

##### **Mandatory Mediation**

(1) Any formal action filed in Circuit Court involving a controversy over custody of or parenting time for minor children, including contempt disputes involving parties who are non-parents, shall be subject to mediation. (See Form 28-08, Page 98, Appendix of Forms) However, for parties to a Family Abuse Prevention Act order, mediation will occur only on the request of the petitioner to the FAPA proceeding.

(2) The Court may decline to hear a custody or parenting time dispute until and unless the parties have participated in mediation which has not resolved the issues between them. The Court may order mediation on its own motion.

(3) The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to those cases specifically exempt from mediation requirements by statute.

##### **Waiver of Mandatory Mediation**

(4) A party may seek waiver of mandatory mediation for good cause. Such waivers will be allowed only after a showing of danger or other compelling circumstances. In the absence of an order waiving mediation, all matters including contempt, cases with an out-of-state party or parties where Oregon has jurisdiction over the case, and cases involving allegations of sexual abuse and physical abuse where there is no active Juvenile Court or State Office of Services to Children and Families involvement will be referred to mediation and a custody/ parenting time study.

##### **Request for mediation**

(5) Mediation may be requested by stipulation of the parties or upon request of one party.

(a) Commencement of Mediation by Stipulated Request for Mediation. If there is a disagreement between the parents concerning custody or parenting time at any stage of a domestic relations proceeding, both parents or their attorneys, may sign and file with the Court a Stipulated Request for Mediation and a Custody Parenting Time Study in substantially the same form as provided by the Court. The parents will be referred to the Family Court Services Division for mediation, or the parents may agree and stipulate to an independent mediator in their Stipulated Request for Mediation.

(b) Commencement of Mediation by Request for Mediation by One Parent. If there is a disagreement between the parents concerning custody or parenting time at any stage of a pending proceeding subject to mandatory mediation under this rule, either parent seeking to resolve the matter must file with the Court and serve upon the other parent, or his/her attorney, a Request for Mediation in substantially the form as that prescribed by the Court. The moving party shall obtain the date for appearance for mediation orientation from the Family Law Department or through Family Court Services.

### **Temporary Support**

(6) If the parents cannot agree on the amount of support to be paid by one to the other, and they are also in dispute as to custody and/or parenting time, upon the request of the parents, the mediator may assist in resolving the support issue as well.

### **Temporary Custody and Parenting Time Orders**

(7) At any point during mediation, the Court may approve a Temporary Custody and Parenting Time Order reflecting the parents' agreement as to the issues. If the agreement is reached through mediation by the Family Court Services Division and prepared by one of its counselors, the counselor shall hold the signed agreement for seven calendar days from the date of the last signature and mail notice of the agreement to the parties and their attorneys, if known to the Family Court Services Division. The counselor shall forward the signed agreement to the Court for approval unless, within that time period, the counselor receives written notice of a party's repudiation.

### **Duration of Mediated Orders**

(8) If the parties agree in Mediation through the Department of Family Services (hereinafter Family Services), that agreement shall be reduced to writing and, after the waiting period provided in the SLRs, made an Order of the Court.

If such agreement is reached after a domestic Relations case has been filed but prior to the taking of a Decree, the duration of that Order shall be temporary and, if not reduced to final judgment, will be dismissed if the underlying proceeding is dismissed.

If an agreement is reached after the filing of a Motion to Modify, it will be reduced to an Order which is final and binding on the parties if there are no other issues before the court except those addressed in the Agreement. If there are other issues, the form of Order described above for a temporary duration Order shall be entered.

### **Good Faith Required**

(9) Mediation shall not be used by any parent in bad faith for the purposes of delay or resolution of other issues. If the Court finds at any time that the mediation process is being misused, it may determine that mediation has been unsuccessful.

### **Unsuccessful Mediation**

(10) In the event the parents are not successful in mediating the custody or parenting time controversy, the mediator shall notify the Court. The matter will be scheduled for hearing in the same course and with the same priority on the docket as though there had been no mediation.

### **Jurisdiction**

(11) The Court on its own motion may order parties to mediate their disputes.

(a) The Court may order parties to mediation when the parties have a closed or open case in Multnomah County, as evidenced by a case number, if the parties are not the subject of a Family Abuse Prevention Act order, and:

- (i) The custody or parenting time dispute has arisen prior to the entry of a Judgment of Dissolution, Separation, Annulment or Paternity; or
- (ii) The Judgment of Dissolution, Separation, Annulment, or Paternity has been entered, and a parenting time dispute has arisen; or
- (iii) The Judgment of Dissolution, Separation, Annulment, or Paternity has been entered, and a custody dispute has arisen and a Motion to Modify Custody has been filed with an Affidavit setting forth allegations sufficient to support a claim of change of circumstances; or
- (iv) An action alleging a violation of a custody or parenting time order has been filed; or
- (v) An action alleging a violation of a custody or parenting time by a parent or a party who is a non-parent has been filed.

(b) As a rule, the Family Court Services Division will decline to mediate or evaluate the parties when:

- (i) There is a pending Juvenile Court petition regarding the child or children in question; or
- (ii) Temporary or permanent custody or wardship of the child or children in question has been granted to the Department of Human Services; or
- (iii) The Juvenile Court has assumed temporary or permanent jurisdiction over the child or children in question.

(c) A domestic relations case filed in the Circuit Court remains under the jurisdiction of that Court in all phases of the proceedings, including mediation. The Court which refers a case to mediation may set, in its referral order, the limits of the mediator's scope of authority in the case.

**12.016 See SLR 8.125 for the mandatory Parent Education Program**

## **12.021            MEDIATION COMMISSION**

- (1)     There is established a mediation commission which includes judges and attorneys, some of whom have experience as a mediator, non-attorney mediators, and the presiding judge and the trial court administrator are ex officio members.
- (2)     All members shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the presiding judge for two year terms.
- (3)     The functions of the mediation commission are to review the qualifications and training of applicants seeking to be identified as court-connected mediators under CJO 05-028, to make recommendations to the presiding judge or designee on the inclusion of such applicants on court-maintained lists, and to monitor the continuing qualifications of mediators included on such lists.

## **12.022            COURT-CONNECTED MEDIATOR LISTS ESTABLISHED**

There shall be maintained three lists of mediators who have met the qualifications established in the Oregon Judicial Department Court-Connected Mediator Qualifications Rules, adopted by CJO 05-028. Separate lists shall be maintained for general civil mediators, domestic relations custody and parenting mediators, and domestic financial mediators. The lists of mediators will be published on the circuit court's web site.

## **12.023            APPOINTMENT TO COURT-CONNECTED MEDIATOR LIST**

- (1)     A mediator seeking inclusion on one or more lists must sign and file an application provided by the court for inclusion on the list of court-connected mediators. The presiding judge or the presiding judge's designee may require substantiation of any information submitted on the application. The commission may contact any program or individual referenced in the application or any other resource necessary to make a recommendation to the commission.
- (2)     The mediation commission shall review each application and make a recommendation to the presiding judge or designee.
- (3)     Appointments to any list shall be at the discretion of the presiding judge or designee. Inclusion on the list shall in no way establish any requirements for compensation for mediators, except as provided in SLR 12.025, nor serve as an endorsement or warranty of the mediator by the court.
- (4)     The presiding judge or designee may remove a mediator from any court-connected mediator list if the mediator is no longer qualified under the Oregon Judicial Department Court-Connected Mediator Rules, upon the recommendation of the mediation commission, or upon the written request of the mediator or agent, if the mediator is unable to make such request.

(5) Qualified court-connected mediators will be identified as such to the public, together with contact information for such mediators. The initial applications of qualified court-connected mediators, as well as amended or supplemental applications, will be available for review by the public.

**12.025 ALTERNATE MEDIATION PROCEDURE IN CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS ACTIONS SUBJECT TO 36.400 TO 36.425**

(1) Mediation, as used in these rules, is a facilitated negotiation process in which a neutral third-party assists the parties in attempting to reach a resolution of their controversy. The mediator has no authority to make a decision or impose a solution.

(2) On the parties' written stipulation, filed with the court at any time prior to the commencement of the arbitration hearing, the parties may elect to mediate (pursuant to ORS 36.185 to 36.238) rather than arbitrate any civil or domestic relations case subject to mandatory arbitration under 36.400 to 36.425. Such mediation shall be accomplished within the same time period required for court-annexed arbitration under these rules. If the parties mediate in good faith, they shall be deemed to have met the requirements for 36.400 to 36.425 and SLR 7.075 whether or not the mediation results in resolution of all claims, and shall not thereafter be required to submit to arbitration. Nothing in this rule, however, precludes the parties from entering into arbitration in the event that mediation is unsuccessful in resolving the controversy. Any such request to arbitration after mediation shall be governed by Chapter 13 of these Supplemental Local Rules.

(3) If no arbitrator has been selected or assigned at the time of the filing of the stipulation to mediate, the parties select a mediator by stipulation.

(4) If an arbitrator has already been assigned at the time of the stipulation to mediate, the arbitrator shall be informed immediately, and shall be compensated, pursuant to UTCR 13.120 and the Supplementary Local Rules, for any time already invested in the case.

(5) If the parties select a mediator who is not qualified under the Oregon Judicial Department's Court-Connected Mediator Qualification Rules, they shall be deemed to have waived any protections under those rules.

(6) Unless the parties agree to different compensation, the mediator is to be compensated pursuant to UTCR 13.120, the Supplementary Local Rules, and the hourly rate established by the arbitration commission.

(7) If requested by the mediator, the parties shall supply to the mediator a statement of the nature of the case, the status of settlement negotiations, and any other information requested by the mediator or deemed helpful by any party for the resolution of the dispute. This must be supplied to the mediator at least one day prior to the scheduled mediation.

(8) Within five days of the conclusion of the mediation, the mediator shall file with the court a

report, together with proof of service of the report upon each party, stating the status of the action following mediation as either “settled” or “not settled.” If settled, the terms of the settlement may be stated in the report, unless the parties have agreed that the terms shall be kept confidential. A written statement of the terms of the settlement signed by the parties and/or their attorneys shall be retained by the mediator. A written settlement agreement or memorandum of agreement shall be admissible to prove the settlement under ORS 36.220 to 36.238. If the mediator’s report is “settled” the parties must, within 30 days of the filing of the report being filed, submit to the Presiding Judge a stipulated judgment as the final order in the action. If the mediator’s report is “not settled” the action will be assigned an initial trial date and will proceed on the court’s civil calendar.

(9) In the event any party fails to mediate in good faith after signing a stipulation for mediation pursuant to this rule, the Court may assess as costs any other party’s costs necessarily incurred in the mediation, in any subsequent judgment.

(10) The mediation proceedings described by this rule are compromise negotiations for purposes of ORE 408 (ORS 40.190) and are confidential under ORS 36.220 to 36.238.

#### **12.035 MEDIATION IN SMALL CLAIMS ACTIONS; FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SETTLEMENT**

(1) All small claims actions without witnesses shall go to mediation orientation the same day before going to trial.

(2) Agreements reached while in mediation shall be signed by the parties and filed as stipulated orders.

(3) Failure of either party to abide by the stipulated order will be grounds for the opposing party to file an Affidavit of Non-Compliance and obtain a judgment on the original claim, without further hearing.

#### **12.045 MEDIATION IN PROBATE PROCEEDINGS**

(1) Scope and Objectives. Probate proceedings shall be subject to mediation in accordance with these rules.

(a) Unless excluded below, all matters in Chapters 125 to 130 of the Oregon Revised Statutes under the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court shall be subject to mediation. These include protective proceedings, gifts, trusts, health care directives, powers of attorney, probate estates and estate matters outside of probate.

(b) The following matters are excluded from mediation: temporary protective proceedings under Chapter 125.

(c) If there is a dispute about whether a specific matter is subject to mediation under these rules, a court shall make the determination and shall rely on the policy to encourage the use of mediators in alternative dispute resolution and to discourage litigation.

(d) Mediation shall occur with the objectives of allowing parties to air their grievances informally, craft personal and creative solutions, forestall future possible disputes, work in an atmosphere that is outside of the formal rules of the courtroom, and to save on the expense of the judicial process.

(2) Presentation for Mediation

(a) Matters may be assigned for mediation by order of the court on its own motion.

(b) Matters may be mediated by agreement of all of the parties or notice by any party as set forth herein. A party may notice mediation without court permission.

(3) Pre-Filing

A matter may be mediated before the filing of a legal proceeding. The mediation shall occur in substantially the same manner as if a legal proceeding had been filed except that the court cannot be used to resolve disputes in the mediation unless a legal proceeding is filed.

(4) Procedure – No Hearing Set

Mediation before a hearing has been set shall proceed as follows:

(a) A party seeking to mediate shall serve a written Notice of Mediation on all other parties stating that the party has elected to mediate the matter pursuant to these rules. The Notice shall include a plain and concise statement of the facts that inform the parties and the court of the questions in dispute, that a party may object to the mediation within twenty-one (21) days from the service of the Notice, and that if there is no objection each party must provide all parties a list of acceptable mediators within twenty-one (21) days from the service of the Notice. The Notice may include the noticing party's list of acceptable mediators. The Notice may be substantially in the form set forth as Appendix (See Notice Form, Page 114, Appendix of Forms) to these rules.

(b) A party objecting to mediation shall serve an Objection to Mediation on all other parties stating that the party objects to the mediation. The Objection shall include a plain and concise statement of the facts so as to inform the parties and the court of why the party is objecting. The Objection must be made within twenty-one (21) days of the service of the Notice of Mediation. The Objection may be accompanied with pleadings necessary to set the substantive issues before the court.

(c) The court shall set a hearing on the Objection to Mediation for no later than fourteen (14) days from the filing of the Objection and shall notify all parties.

(d) A court hearing an Objection to Mediation shall order that mediation proceed except for good cause shown. If the court determines that the matter should not be subject to mediation, the court shall set the matter for a hearing on the substantive questions in dispute.

(5) Procedure – Hearing Already Set. Mediation after a hearing has been set and all parties notified of the hearing shall proceed as follows:

- (a) A party cannot request mediation fewer than twenty-one (21) days in advance of the day that has been set by the court for a hearing unless all parties are in agreement.
- (b) A party seeking to mediate shall follow the requirements of Rule 12.045 (4)(A) except that the Notice shall give seven (7) days from the service of the Notice for a party to object, the date, time, place and length of the hearing to the extent available, and the reason why the party is seeking to mediate after a hearing has been set.
- (c) A party objecting to mediation shall follow the requirements of Rule 12.045 (4)(B) except that the Objection shall be made within seven (7) days from the service of the Notice.
- (d) The court shall set a hearing on the Objection to Mediation for no later than fourteen (14) days from the filing of the Objection and shall notify all parties.
- (e) A court hearing on an Objection to Mediation shall order that mediation proceed except for good cause shown. The court may take into account relevant facts about why the party seeking mediation did not request mediation in advance of the setting of a hearing. If the court determines that the matter should not be subject to mediation, the court shall set the matter for a hearing on the substantive questions in dispute.

(6) Other Procedure

- (a) The court may modify the times for notice and objection if a party is unrepresented by legal counsel or for good cause shown. A modification can be retroactive.
- (b) The calculation of the timelines under these rules shall be made in accordance with ORCP 7D(2)(d)(ii).
- (c) Service of pleadings shall occur as set forth in Chapters 125 to 130 or shall be governed by the Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure. Proof of service of pleadings required by these rules shall be filed with the court with a copy of the pleading.
- (d) In the event the times set forth in these mediation rules prejudice a party's statutory rights, the court shall provide relief for the party if the relief is consistent with the fair adjudication of disputes.
- (e) If there is a dispute about whether or not an attorney or other advocate should be present at mediation under these rules, a court shall make the determination and shall rely on the policy to encourage the use of attorneys and advocates.

(7) Choice of Mediator

A mediator shall be chosen by the parties or the court as follows:

- (a) By stipulation of the parties.

(b) If mediation is by order of the court or there is no Objection to Mediation, each party shall provide all parties a list of acceptable mediators within twenty-one (21) days of the order or from service of the Notice of Mediation.

(c) If there is an Objection to Mediation and a court determination that mediation shall proceed, each party shall provide all parties a list of acceptable mediators within seven (7) days of the order on the Objection.

(d) The parties shall make a good faith effort to find a mutually agreeable mediator. Once a mediator is chosen by the parties the noticing party shall inform the court of the mediator's name and address.

(e) If the parties cannot agree to a mediator within seven (7) days from the date the list was required to be furnished, a party may file a Motion to Appoint a Mediator. That motion must be served on all parties and any party may file a Response with a list of their choice of mediators and a plain and concise statement of facts about why one of the mediators on their list should be appointed. The court shall appoint a mediator that appears on the list of at least one party and is not required to hold a hearing.

(8) Qualification of Mediator

(a) A mediator qualified for probate mediation must be: (i) An attorney licensed to practice before the courts of this state having at least five years of experience in estates, trusts or protective proceedings, (ii) an individual with special skill or training in the administration of estates, trusts or protective proceedings, or (iii) an individual with special skill or training as a mediator.

(b) A mediator appointed by the court rather than by agreement of the parties shall also (i) comply with the Oregon Judicial Department Court-Connected Mediator Qualification Rules and (ii) have attended the Multnomah County Probate Department mediation training.

(c) The mediator shall not have an interest in any of the issues subject to dispute and shall not be related to a party.

(9) Date for Mediation

Upon the designation of a mediator by the parties or the court appointment of a mediator, the mediator and the parties shall establish a date for the mediation. If a date cannot be agreed upon within fourteen (14) days of the designation or appointment of the mediator, a party may motion the court to set a date for the mediation and the procedure shall be substantively similar to that for the appointment of a mediator in Rule 12.045(7)(E).

(10) Duration of Mediation

Parties to mediation shall mediate in good faith. In all cases the mediation must last at least three (3) hours unless the matter is conclusively resolved in less time or if the mediator concludes that no progress is likely to occur.

(11) Mediation Agreement. A resolution of the matter that is the subject of the mediation shall be

memorialized in writing and signed by the mediating parties. Subject to the waiting period set forth below, the agreement shall be binding on all signors.

- (a) Each party to the mediation shall have seven (7) days to repudiate the agreement.
- (b) After seven (7) days the parties to the agreement shall reduce it to a court order or judgment for approval of the court.
- (c) If a party repudiates the agreement, the party shall immediately inform the mediator and all parties and the mediator or any party shall inform the court. The matter shall be scheduled for hearing by the court in the same course and with the same priority on the docket as though there had been no mediation.

(12) **Costs of Mediation.** Costs of the mediation, including reasonable compensation for the mediator's services, shall be borne equally by the parties unless the parties agree otherwise.

- (a) The details of mediation costs and fees, including the compensation of the mediator, must be set forth in a mediation agreement between the mediator and all parties to the matter.
- (b) Nothing in these rules is intended to affect a party's right to petition for payment or reimbursement of fees and costs pursuant to another rule or statute in the underlying matter.
- (c) A party shall not be kept from mediation due to indigency and the court shall establish procedures for mediation when there is an indigent party.

(13) **Compliance**

If a party does not comply with these rules, any other party may motion the court for an order compelling compliance. A party obtaining an order compelling compliance is entitled to reimbursement of costs and attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the compliance proceeding unless the court at the hearing determines otherwise for good cause shown. Reimbursement must be from the party or parties whose failure to comply was the basis for the petition. }

## **CHAPTER 13**

### **ARBITRATION**

#### **13.025 REQUEST FOR AND OBJECTIONS TO ARBITRATION**

- (1) Any party may file and serve notice of a request that the Court transfer a case to arbitration.
- (2) A party opposing exemption from arbitration pursuant to UTCR 13.070 shall file such opposition, in writing, within three days of the filing of the motion for exemption. A Court decision on such exemption will be rendered within five days following the filing of a motion for exemption from arbitration, regardless of whether opposition was filed. If the motion is allowed, the case will be returned to the active trial docket for future disposition. If the motion is denied, the case will remain in arbitration in accordance with these rules and the UTCR.

#### **13.032 SUBMISSION OF COPIES OF MOTIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS TO CHIEF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION JUDGE**

For cases subject to arbitration, and except for motions requiring decision by the arbitrator, any motion, challenge, response or reply required or allowed by these rules, the Oregon Revised Statutes or the Uniform Trial Court Rules, must include a copy which shall be delivered to the Chief Alternative Dispute Resolution Judge contemporaneous with the filing of such motion, challenge, response or reply. The party preparing the document is responsible for delivery of the copy to the Chief ADR Judge.

#### **13.035 COURT SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER CASE IS SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION; AMENDMENT OF PLEADINGS**

- (1) A case assigned to arbitration will not be exempted without an order, supported by a motion and affidavit, declaration, or certification under ORCP 17C.
- (2) Only in extraordinary circumstances will the Court order a case returned from arbitration to the Court docket after a case has been assigned to an arbitrator.
- (3) In the event that amended pleadings are allowed by the arbitrator (e.g., amended complaint, third-party complaint, etc.), in which a party or parties will be added to the case, or which causes the case not to be subject to mandatory arbitration, the party filing such an amended pleading must notify the Arbitration Clerk in the Civil Division of the Office of the Trial Court Administrator and file the amended pleadings, together with the Arbitrator's Order allowing such amended pleadings, with the Court. Amendment of the pleadings in the foregoing manner does not, by itself, remove a case from arbitration.

(4) If a party seeks to exempt a case from arbitration in accordance with subsection (3) of this rule, or on any other basis, or seeks an order exempting from arbitration a case that would otherwise be referred to arbitration, that party shall file a motion, supported by affidavit, declaration or certification, with the court, and serve the motion:

- (a) on the other party or parties in the case;
- (b) on the arbitrator, if an arbitrator has been assigned to the case; and
- (c) on the Arbitration Clerk in the Civil Division of the Office of the Trial Court Administrator.

(5) A party that moves for an order under subsection (4) of this rule shall promptly advise the arbitrator in the case, if one has been assigned, of the resolution of the motion.

(6) Cases exempted from arbitration under this rule may, when again appropriate, be reinstated into arbitration.

#### **13.042 ASSIGNMENT TO ARBITRATION**

If the first appearance of a defendant is not an answer, but is a motion directed to the complaint or a dispositive motion, the motion shall be decided before the case is assigned to arbitration. No case shall be assigned to arbitration until all parties have appeared or have had a judgment of default entered against them. If a case has been assigned to arbitration prior to the filing of a motion directed to the complaint or a dispositive motion, the motion shall be heard and decided by the arbitrator pursuant to UTCR 13.100.

#### **13.048 INDIGENT PARTIES**

(1) In the event that funds are available under ORS 36.420 for the payment of fees that are waived or deferred, the arbitrator shall be reimbursed after completion of the arbitration, filing of the arbitration award, and submission of a request for payment to the Trial Court Administrator. Such request shall be in the form of a certificate stating the identity of the case, the total hours of service the arbitrator provided, and the share of those hours chargeable to the indigent party. If funds are available, reimbursement will be provided for the hours authorized by the court for each indigent party. The certificate must be accompanied by a copy of the order deferring or waiving fees of the indigent party.

(2) In the event funds are not available under ORS 36.420 for the payment of fees that are waived or deferred by court order, a party may request that the clerk provide to the parties a list of arbitrators who have agreed to serve for no compensation, for compensation from one party only, or at a reduced rate.

(3) The clerk shall provide names of available arbitrators, but no arbitrator is required to serve unless he or she has agreed to such alternate fee arrangement.

### **13.055 ARBITRATORS**

(1) To qualify as an arbitrator, a person must sign and file an application to be placed on the list of arbitrators, and, if not a retired or senior judge or stipulated non-lawyer arbitrator, be an active member of the Oregon State Bar at the time of each appointment. The Chief Alternative Dispute Resolution Judge may remove a person as an arbitrator if such person fails or refuses to comply with the rules governing the performance of arbitrators, as required by the Oregon Revised Statutes, UTCR or these rules. The Arbitration Commission may adopt additional requirements for inclusion or retention on the list of arbitrators, including experience, training and continuing education.

(2) There shall be a panel of arbitrators in such number as the Arbitration Commission may from time to time determine. Persons desiring to serve as an arbitrator shall submit in writing their desire to be placed on the arbitration panel, with the date they were admitted to the Bar, their name, street address, email address, fax, and phone numbers, and if they have any preference against certain types of cases (e.g., no family law). A list showing the names of arbitrators available to hear cases will be available for inspection in the Room 210 of the Multnomah County Courthouse. An arbitrator who is no longer willing or able to serve as an arbitrator shall immediately notify the arbitration clerk.

(3) The appointment of an arbitrator is subject to the right of that person to refuse to serve on an individual case. An arbitrator must notify the clerk immediately if refusing to serve, or if any cause exists for the arbitrator's disqualification from the case upon any of the grounds of interest, relationship, bias, or prejudice governing the disqualification of judges.

(4) If such disqualification or refusal occurs, the arbitrator must notify all parties and immediately return all appointment materials in the case to the clerk.

(5) The parties shall confer, pursuant to UTCR 5.010, to select an arbitrator. The plaintiff or petitioner shall initiate communications for such selection. However, if the plaintiff or petitioner is appearing pro se, an attorney for the defendant(s) shall initiate such communications. If all parties are appearing pro se, or if good faith conference is unsuccessful, each party shall strike 2 names from the list of arbitrators, and return such list to the Chief ADR Judge, with a copy to and proof of service on the other party or parties. The Chief ADR Judge shall then select the arbitrator from the remaining names. In the event no names remain, the Chief ADR Judge may approve the issuance of a second list.

### **13.065 STIPULATIONS**

No agreement or consent between parties or lawyers relating to the conduct of the arbitration proceedings, the purpose of which is disputed, will be regarded by the arbitrator unless the

agreement or consent is made at the arbitration hearing or is in writing and signed by the lawyers or parties.

**13.071            UNTIMELY FILED MOTIONS TO EXEMPT FROM ARBITRATION**

If a party moves the court for an order of exemption from arbitration, pursuant to the provisions of ORS 36.405(2)(b) and UTCR 13.070, more than 14 days after the court's notice to the parties that the case has been assigned to arbitration, the court may allow such motion and enter an order under ORS 36.405 (2)(b), but only upon the condition that the parties have elected to comply with SLR 12.025 or are not in violation of SLR 7.075.

**13.075            See 12.025 et seq. for mediation as an alternative to arbitration.**

**13.085            FILING AWARD**

(1)     The arbitrator shall not file an arbitration award with the court until the issues of attorney fees and costs have been determined. The arbitrator shall certify on the award that no issues of costs or attorney fees remain undecided upon filing of the award. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, no amended or supplemental arbitration award shall be filed, regardless of whether judgment has been entered on the original.

(2)     At the conclusion of arbitration, if the arbitrator attempts to file the award with the Court without the proof of service of a copy of the decision and award upon each party as required by ORS 36.425(1), the award will not be filed and will be returned to the arbitrator.

**13.165            TIME FOR ARBITRATION HEARING - 91 DAY TIME PERIOD PURSUANT TO UTCR 13.160 (2)**

Pursuant to UTCR 13.160 (2), except for good cause shown, the hearing must be scheduled to take place not later than 91 days, measured from the date of assignment to arbitration. With the exception of applying this 91 day time period in place of the 49 day time period set in UTCR 13.160 (3), all other requirements of UTCR 13.160 (3) and (4) apply to the scheduling, postponement or continuance of an arbitration hearing.

**13.255            RETURN OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR TRIAL DE NOVO SUBMITTED FOR FILING BEYOND THE TIME PERMITTED**

A written notice of appeal and request for a trial de novo received by the trial court administrator for filing beyond the time for filing such a notice under ORS 36.425 and, if applicable, ORCP 10 C, may be returned by the presiding judge, or a designee judge, to the party who submitted the

document, with an order, copied to all parties, stating the finding that the document was received beyond the time permitted by law. A copy of the returned notice of appeal and request for trial de novo will be attached to the filed original of the order as a record of the submitted document, but will not be filed separately in the action.

## **CHAPTER 14**

### **REFERENCE JUDGES**

#### **14.015 STENOGRAPHIC REPORTER NOTES; MOTIONS TO CORRECT TRANSCRIPTS**

- (1) The stenographic reporter or person keeping the audio record of the proceedings shall file the transcript notes or electronic medium containing the audio record and the log of the recordings on the electronic medium of the proceeding with the Court.
- (2) SLR 6.045 shall apply to Reference cases.

#### **14.025 COMPENSATION OF THE REFERENCE JUDGE**

- (1) The reference judge shall deliver to the Presiding Judge the written statement specified in ORS 3.321(3) within 49 days of the termination of the referral of the action. The written statement or facsimile shall specify the amount to be released by the Court to the reference judge.
- (2) The amount paid to the reference judge from the Court shall not exceed the amount deposited into court.
- (3) If a discrepancy exists in the amount of claimed compensation, the Presiding Judge shall, upon notice from the reference judge, order the parties to deposit further funds with the Court.

#### **14.035 RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS**

- (1) The reference judge shall maintain written records for the Court of the following:
  - (a) Witnesses;
  - (b) Court reporters or persons keeping the audio record;
  - (c) Exhibits.
- (2) The reference judge may designate a clerical officer to maintain such records. Such an officer shall be approved by the Trial Court Administrator or designee.
- (3) The above records shall be kept on forms approved by the Trial Court Administrator or designee.

## CHAPTER 15

### SMALL CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

#### 15.015 FILING PROCEDURES

- (1) Plaintiffs must either file their claim at the Small Claims Department of the Civil Division at the Multnomah County Courthouse; or
- (2) If the plaintiff or the defendant resides, or the claim arose, East of 122nd Avenue extending to the North and South boundaries of Multnomah County, the claim may be filed in the Gresham Court, 150 W. Powell, Gresham. Civil cases filed in Gresham Court are limited to small claims.

#### 15.025 APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM

- (1) Plaintiffs and Defendants who are "incapacitated," "financially incapable," or who are "respondents" as defined in ORS 125.005, must have a guardian ad litem appointed to pursue or defend the action. If such an individual is also a "protected person," as defined by ORS 125.005, the conservator or guardian shall be appointed, unless otherwise ordered by the court.
- (2) Plaintiffs or Defendants who are unemancipated, unmarried, minors, living apart from their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and who meet the definition of a "minor" under ORS 109.697, and who also meet the definition of "tenant" under ORS 90.100, may appear in a small claims action based on a contract for a residential dwelling unit or for utility services provided to that unit, without appointment of a guardian or guardian ad litem.
- (3) Unemancipated minors to whom the statutory definitions listed in subsection (2) of this rule are applicable, but who wish to appear in small claims court on other grounds not listed in subsection (2), must have a guardian ad litem appointed to pursue or defend the action.
- (4) All other unemancipated minors, to whom the statutory definitions listed in subsection (2) of this rule are not applicable, must have a guardian ad litem appointed to pursue or defend a small claims action.

#### 15.035 HEARING NOTICE

The Court will give the parties not less than seven days' notice of the small claims hearing unless otherwise directed by the Presiding Judge or designee.

**15.045 DISMISSAL FOR FAILURE TO PURSUE CLAIM**

A judgment of dismissal, without prejudice, for want of prosecution, may be filed and entered on the Court's own motion, following notice by the Court of intent to dismiss pursuant to ORCP 54B(3), 90 days after the date a claim is filed, unless the claim is set for a hearing or a default judgment is entered.

**15.055 REPRESENTATION BY ATTORNEY ONLY BY COURT ORDER**

- (1) All requests to employ counsel must be made in writing at least seven days prior to the date of the hearing.
- (2) If consent to employ counsel is granted, the requesting party must give written notice to all other parties. Once such permission is granted, any party may retain counsel.
- (3) If consent to employ counsel is granted by the Court, the Oregon counsel may associate a foreign counsel under UTCR 3.170.

**15.065 TIME EXTENSION**

On written request filed with the Small Claims Department at least seven days prior to the hearing date, the Court may extend the time within which to make appearances or file documents. The time extension will not exceed 30 days.

**15.075 COMMUNICATION IN WRITING**

Any written communication to the Court must be copied to all parties.

**15.085 TRANSFER OF CLAIM FROM SMALL CLAIMS DEPARTMENT**

SLR Chapter 15 shall cease to govern a claim after the transfer of the claim from the small claims department to a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

**15.095 REQUESTS FOR POSTPONEMENT**

Requests for postponement of a scheduled hearing must be made in writing at least seven days prior to the hearing.

**15.105 See SLR 12.035 for mandatory mediation in small claims action.**

**15.115 AUTHORIZED AGENTS IN SMALL CLAIMS CASES**

An agent shall be designated by any organization filing or defending a Small Claim. The designated agent may be ordered to appear before the Court.

**15.125 See SLR 5.065 for Judgment Debtor Exams in Small Claims Actions**

**15.135 See SLR 5.085 for Claims of Exemption Not to Contest Judgment**

**15.145 See SLR 6.025 for Payment of Trial Fees and Hearing Fees**

**15.155 See SLR 7.045 for Motion for Change of Judge**

## CHAPTER 16

### VIOLATION OFFENSES

#### 16.025 PRE-ARRAIGNMENT AND ARRAIGNMENT APPEARANCE OPTIONS

- (1) Prior to any arraignment date specified on the summons, the defendant may exercise one of the following options to dispose of the case:
  - (a) The defendant may file a written plea of guilty or no contest and pay the base fine amount on the summons, or, if available, the fine established by the Violation Bureau, by mailing the written plea and a check or money order for the fine to the Court. The plea and payment must reach the Court on or before the arraignment date.
  - (b) The defendant may enter a written plea of guilty or no-contest and submit a written explanation of the incident in mitigation of the penalty. A check or money order for the amount indicated on the summons must be included. The letter and plea must reach the Court prior to the arraignment date.
  - (c) Except for violations based on photo radar or photo red light enforcement (ORS 810.434 through ORS 810.439), the defendant may appear, enter a plea of not guilty, and sign a waiver of the defendant's right to have testimony presented orally, as provided in ORS 153.080. (See Form 06-45, Page 101, Appendix of Forms.) The waiver shall be on a form provided by the Criminal Division of the Trial Court Administrator's Office. The waiver shall include an agreement to pay, within 30 days after receiving notification from the court, any fines and fees imposed by the court following review of the case. The waiver of oral testimony will be filed in the case and the matter will be set for trial. At the trial, any witness, including the defendant, may have the witness' testimony presented to the Court by affidavit and need not appear personally.
  - (d) The defendant may enter a written plea of not guilty and request that the matter be set for court trial. Any defendant electing to proceed under this subsection must verify his or her residence address and current mailing address. Defendants may request a court trial either in writing, mailed to the Court, or in person. The request must be received on, or prior to, the arraignment date. As set forth in SLR 16.195, below, a default judgment which exceeds the base fine amount set on the citation may be imposed against a defendant who requests a court trial but fails to appear in court for such proceeding.
- (2) At the date and time set for arraignment on the summons, the defendant may appear in person, or by counsel, and may enter a plea of guilty, no contest, or not guilty.
  - (a) If the defendant enters a plea of guilty or no contest, an explanation or statement may be given in mitigation of the offense charged.

(b) If the defendant enters a plea of not guilty, a court trial will be scheduled. The defendant may sign and file a waiver of oral testimony as provided in subsection (1)(C), above. For violations based on photo radar or photo red light enforcement (ORS 810.434 through ORS 810.439), the defendant must appear personally for trial (ORS 153.061 (5)). The defendant or counsel must contact the court if a trial notice and court date is not received within four weeks of the arraignment.

## **16.065 VIOLATIONS BUREAU**

- (1) Pursuant to ORS 153.800, The Fourth Judicial District establishes a Violations Bureau.
- (2) A person may appear in person to pay the Violations Bureau fine, costs and assessments, or make payment by mail.
- (3) If the cited person appears personally, a form which records the person's appearance and contains a waiver of trial and plea of guilty, shall be signed and filed with the Court, pursuant to ORS 153.800(5)(a).
- (4) The fine and applicable assessment(s) shall be paid immediately and in full at the Violations Bureau, unless the Court approves a deferred payment.

## **16.075 NOTICE OF REPRESENTATION BY ATTORNEY**

- (1) If the defendant is represented by counsel for purposes of a first appearance on the violation, the attorney may file with the court a notice of representation and enter a plea on behalf of the defendant. The notice and plea must be signed by the attorney and the signed original notice must be filed prior to the date of the first appearance set on the summons.
- (2) If a defendant is to be represented by an attorney at trial on a violation, and a notice of representation has not been filed previously, notification in writing of such representation together with proof of service on the District Attorney must be filed. The signed original notice of representation must be filed prior to the date of the trial.
- (3) Letters submitted for filing under this rule may not be submitted by facsimile transmission (FAX).

## **16.085 POSTPONEMENTS**

### **(1) Arraignment**

- (a) Except for cases cited to appear in Community Court, requests for an order for postponement of an arraignment appearance must be made by personally appearing in court or in written form

signed by the party. If the request is made in written form, the request must be received by the Court at least two judicial days prior to the original arraignment date. Prior to the arraignment date specified in the summons, the defendant may select one of the options described in SLR 16.025(1) as an alternative to requesting a postponement.

- (b) Arraignments for cases cited to appear in Community Court may not be postponed.
- (c) Personal appearances for the purpose of requesting a postponement of an arraignment must be made at the location specified in the citation.
- (d) Requests made in written form for a postponement must be delivered for filing to the Circuit Court at:
  - (i) 1021 S.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Room 106 Portland Oregon, 97204 for cases cited to appear in the downtown court facility; or
  - (ii) 150 W. Powell Blvd, Gresham Oregon, 97030 for cases cited to appear in the Gresham court facility.

**(2) Court Trials**

- (a) A party's first request for a postponement of a court trial must be made in written form signed by the party and received in the Criminal Calendaring Section at the downtown courthouse, or the Gresham court facility if the violation is proceeding in Gresham, more than 14 calendar days prior to the scheduled trial date.
- (b) Subsequent requests for a postponement of a court trial must be made by personally appearing in court or in written form signed by the party. The motion must demonstrate good cause for the request in order to be granted.
  - (i) If the request is made in written form, the request, along with proof of notification of the request for postponement to the opposing party, must be received by the Court at the locations listed in paragraph (1)(d) of this rule more than 14 calendar days prior to the scheduled trial date.
  - (ii) Requests made in person shall be submitted ex parte in courtroom 112 of the downtown courthouse, or in Gresham if the case is cited to appear in that facility, at 8:30 am or 1:30 pm, Monday through Friday when court is in session.
- (c) The party requesting a subsequent order for postponement must notify the opposing party in writing prior to submitting the request to the Court. The notice must specify whether the postponement request will be made in written form or by personal appearance. If the request is to be submitted by personal appearance, the party must provide notice to the opposing party of the date, time and location of the appearance, and indicate that the opposing party may appear to contest the request. The opposing party may contest the request either in written form delivered for filing to the appropriate court location, as defined in (1)(d) above, more than eight days prior to the date of the ex parte appearance, or in person by appearing at the ex parte hearing to contest the opposing party's request for the postponement.

**(3) Notice to Parties of Postponement**

When the court grants a postponement, the court will notify all parties to the action. If the postponement is granted in open court, parties personally present are deemed notified. Any witnesses must be notified of the postponement by the party intending to call the witnesses.

**(4) Requests for an order for postponement of an appearance may not be submitted for filing by facsimile transmission (FAX).**

**16.195 SETTING ASIDE DEFAULT JUDGMENTS**

A defendant against whom a default judgment is entered may file a motion for relief from default judgment, within a reasonable time, not to exceed one year. The Court requires a written motion for relief, accompanied by an affidavit setting forth facts which demonstrate that the failure to appear or to exercise one of the options described in SLR 16.025, was due to mistake, inadvertence, surprise or excusable neglect. At the time the motion for relief is filed, the defendant must pay to the court the amount of the fine imposed in the judgment. The payment requirement may be waived by the Court for good cause. A motion for relief cannot be filed until the payment is made or waived. The court may rule on the motion without a hearing or may require the defendant to appear and present oral argument.

## CHAPTER 17

### PARKING VIOLATIONS

#### 17.015 PARKING CITATIONS - DEFENDANT'S APPEARANCE

- (1) A person receiving a parking citation has three options to appear:
  - (a) Plead guilty by paying in full the bail indicated on the citation, either by mailing or personally delivering the payment, together with the citation, to the Multnomah County Courthouse. All payments in full must be received within 30 days of the date of violation.
  - (b) Mail the full amount of the bail applicable at the time of the request, together with the citation and a letter of explanation to the Multnomah County Courthouse, requesting a judge to make a determination. The court may refund the bail or forfeit all or part of it.
  - (c) Request a court hearing either by letter or by personally appearing at the Parking Section of the Criminal Division located in the Multnomah County Courthouse. All such requests must be accompanied by a check or money order for the full amount of bail applicable at the time of the request. Bail is forfeited if the person fails to appear at the hearing.
- (2) The bail amount set on a parking citation will double after 30 days from the date of issuance of the citation if the defendant has not appeared in a manner indicated by this rule. A partial payment of the bail does not constitute an appearance under this rule.
- (3) An Order for impoundment of a vehicle may be issued in the manner set forth in SLR 17.035 if the defendant does not appear in a manner indicated in this Rule.

#### 17.025 DISMISSAL OF A PARKING CITATION BEFORE TRIAL

- (1) The Presiding Judge or the Chief Criminal Law Judge may dismiss parking citations without the appearance of the defendant in the following instances:
  - (a) The parking citation was issued prior to release of title interest and transfer of possession of the vehicle to the new owner, but the new owner is named as the defendant on the notice of delinquency. However, the new owner's failure to submit an application for title to the Department of Transportation within 30 days of the transferor's release of interest shall not be grounds for summary dismissal of the citation and an appearance shall be required;
  - (b) The parking citation was issued subsequent to the release of title interest and transfer of possession to the new owner but the named defendant on the notice of delinquency is the

prior owner. A prior owner who provides documentation described in SLR 17.025(3), below, shall not be subject to liability under this chapter, for the parking of the vehicle by another person;

- (c) There was no vehicle license number or other registration number written on the citation;
- (d) The vehicle license number written on the citation does not correspond to the vehicle registration information filed with the Motor Vehicles Division;
- (e) The meter at which an overtime parking citation was issued was defective, according to the City of Portland's Office of Transportation;
- (f) No violation is indicated on the parking citation;
- (g) The parking citation was issued to a vehicle that was reported to the police as stolen within 24 hours of the date and time listed on the citation or was issued on a date when the status of the vehicle remained listed as stolen, and a stolen report was on file with the Police Bureau;
- (h) A parking citation was issued to a vehicle on government business of such urgency that the driver was prevented from complying with parking regulations. The driver must sign an affidavit describing the urgent circumstances, and the department owning the vehicle must verify that the vehicle was on urgent government business;
- (i) The Court received a special written report from the issuing officer or Parking Patrol deputy explaining that there was no basis for the parking citation and requesting that it be dismissed; or
- (j) The exemption or privilege in ORS 811.635 for the holder of a disabled person parking permit is applicable to the type of parking offense cited and the registered owner or other recipient of the ticket provides proof to the Clerk of the Court of a valid disabled person parking permit at the time of the violation. This includes:
  - (i) Overtime tickets, or tickets for parking in a metered space without paying, unless the zone allows parking for only 30 minutes or less; or
  - (ii) Parking in a disabled zone pursuant to ORS 811.615(1)(a); or
  - (iii) Disabled zone parking offenses cited under Portland City Code 16.20.250 if a disabled person was being transported; or
- (k) A parking citation was issued for unlawful use or misuse of a disabled person parking permit for parking in a manner that would otherwise be a privilege for a permit holder and the registered owner or other recipient of the ticket provides proof to the Clerk of the Court of renewal of an expired disabled person parking permit

(2) The Presiding Judge or the Chief Criminal Judge may dismiss the parking citations listed in SLR 17.025(1) by signing a list containing the license numbers of the vehicles and the reasons for the dismissals.

(3) When a parking citation is subject to dismissal under SLR 17.025(1)(A) or (B), above, the person receiving the notice of the citation must bring the parking citation(s) and relevant documents relating to the transfer of the vehicle, including title, bill of sale or contract and vehicle registration if available, to the Parking Section of the Criminal Division. Proof that the prior owner notified the Department of Transportation of the transfer of the vehicle as required by Oregon law, together with proof of delivery of possession of the vehicle and assignment of title to a transferee, shall exempt the prior owner from liability for the parking of the vehicle by another person, provided the date of issuance of the parking citation is subsequent to the date of transfer of the vehicle reported by the prior owner.

(4) In all cases, the Presiding Judge or the Chief Criminal Judge may order a hearing to prevent abuse of the summary dismissal proceedings.

#### **17.035 TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENTS**

(1) The Court may order a vehicle towed if the registered owner or any other person, has not paid the bail or fine accrued on the parking citation in full, including amounts that have accrued after the first 30-day period, or posted bail in full and requested a hearing. The Court order for towing and impoundment of the vehicle may be issued 60 days after the date on which the notice of delinquent parking citation is mailed to the owner.

(2) Requests for a court hearing on the validity of a parking citation after receipt of an impoundment notice, or after impoundment, must be made personally at the Multnomah County Courthouse. All requests must include the posting of the amount of bail applicable at the time of the request, unless waived by a judge. The bail is the amount of bail or fines accrued on all the parking citations against the vehicle towed or impounded, including bail amounts that have doubled pursuant to SLR 17.015(2).

#### **17.045 NOTICE OF REPRESENTATION BY AN ATTORNEY**

An attorney representing a person in a parking citation case must notify the Court in writing of the representation at least seven days before the date of trial. The notification must certify that a copy has been delivered to the prosecuting attorney.

#### **17.055 POSTPONEMENTS AND OTHER MOTIONS**

(1) When requested at least 14 days prior to the scheduled trial date for a parking citation, a person may obtain a single postponement of the court hearing. Such requests may be made in

writing or by appearing personally at the Parking Section of the Criminal Division. The person making the request must state a reason for the postponement.

(2) Additional postponement requests must be decided by the Court and will only be granted if good cause is shown. The request must be in writing and state the reasons relied on for the request. Such requests must be received by the Court at least 14 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. At its discretion, the Court may require an appearance, oral argument, and the presentation of evidence on a motion for postponement.

(3) At any time before the trial date, the person cited, whether or not represented by counsel, may withdraw a not guilty plea or remove the case from the court docket by following the procedure for mail pleas set out in SLR 17.015. The Court will notify the police officers, the parking enforcement deputies and volunteers and the District Attorney, when appropriate.

(4) A person whose car has been ordered impounded by the Court may appear personally at the Parking Section of the Criminal Division and request that the matter be placed on the Traffic Court Calendar. Bail is required unless waived by a judge.

#### **17.065 HEARING PROCEDURE IN PARKING CITATION CASES**

(1) In trial, the judge may take an active role in questioning the witnesses to insure substantial justice will be done.

(2) Jury trials are not permitted in parking citation cases.

(3) Parking citations issued against a particular defendant's vehicle may be consolidated for trial only at the discretion of the Court.

#### **17.067 FAILURE TO APPEAR**

(1) The registered owner of a vehicle for which a parking citation is issued, is required to appear, as described in SLR 17.015, above, on the cited offense. If the registered owner of a vehicle for which a parking citation has been issued, or any other person, fails to appear to answer the citation within 30 days, the court may, after notice to the named defendant, enter a default judgment against the defendant 60 days from the date of the citation. The notice of citation mailed to the named defendant will indicate the length of time before which the court will make a finding on the citation based on available evidence, without a hearing, and enter judgment thereon. If the determination is one of conviction, the court may impose a sentence of a fine up to the maximum amount allowed by law and may order a warrant for the impoundment of the vehicle listed on the citation to enforce the collection of the fine. Citations may also be assigned to the Department of Revenue for collection. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, a judgment of conviction on the parking citation shall be entered against the registered owner of the vehicle.

(2) A defendant against whom a judgment is entered under subsection (1) of this section, may file a written motion for relief from default judgment within a reasonable time, not to exceed one year. An accompanying affidavit must set forth facts demonstrating that the failure to appear on the citation in a manner set forth herein, was due to mistake, inadvertence, surprise or excusable neglect. At the time the motion for relief is filed with the court, the defendant must post bail in the amount of the fine imposed in the judgment. The bail requirement may be waived by the Court for good cause. A motion for relief cannot be filed until the bail is posted or waived by the Court. The Court may rule on the motion without a hearing or may require the defendant to present oral argument, and may grant or deny relief from the default judgment.

## **CHAPTER 18**

### **FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER (FED)**

#### **18.015 STAY OF DEFAULT, FED EX PARTE TIME**

A party seeking to set aside a default judgment in an FED proceeding must obtain a judicial order to stay the judgment pending disposition on the motion to set aside the default. Motions for stay must be presented at FED ex parte proceedings in courtroom 120 at 8:30 am on each judicial day.

#### **18.025 AUTHORIZED AGENTS**

An agent shall be designated by any organization filing an FED. The designated agent may be ordered to appear before the court and answer questions regarding the assets and debts of the organization.

#### **18.035 MEDIATION IN FED FIRST APPEARANCES**

If an FED case is not resolved by the parties at first appearance, parties may be required to participate in mediation orientation before the case is set for trial.

#### **18.045 PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FILING FEES FOR TRIAL DEMAND**

(1) If a defendant makes a demand for a trial under ORS 105.137 (5) at the time of the first appearance, the filing fees required to be paid under ORS 105.130 (3) and (6) shall be paid no later than 5:00 pm of the same judicial day unless otherwise ordered by the court. No trial will be scheduled in the action until the required fees are satisfied.

(2) Failure of the plaintiff to pay the fee required will result in dismissal of the action.

(3) Failure of the defendant to pay the fee required may result in a judgment by default against the defendant.

#### **18.055 See SLR 7.045 for Motion for Change of Judge**

#### **18.065 See SLR 7.055 for Call/Assignment**

#### **18.075 See SLR 7.055(7) for Abated and Stayed Cases**

**18.085**      **See SLR 7.055(8) for Duty of Attorney at Call/Assignment**

**18.095**      **See SLR 15.095 for Requests to Postpone Hearings**

## **FORMS APPENDIX TO SUPPLEMENTARY LOCAL RULES**

The following forms are referred to in the Supplementary Local Rules. They can be photocopied or reproduced in your own word processing system. Please follow as closely as possible the format of the form. Where indicated, please be sure to provide the required number of copies for processing.







**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant.

)  
)  
)  
)  
)  
)

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION PRAECIPE**

Defendant  
 Plaintiff

Notice is hereby given that \_\_\_\_\_, attorney for \_\_\_\_\_  
has set a motion for hearing as follows:

Judge (or Pro Tem): \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

On Call \_\_\_\_\_ in Room 208 at 9:00 a.m. for assignment for hearing on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date) (Date)

This is a  first  subsequent setting for this motion.

Moving party waives appearance  Reporting is requested (fee required when motion filed)

Hearing by telephone requested (office more than 25 miles from courthouse)

Length of time requested for this motion hearing \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF MOTION:**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ORCP 21          | <input type="checkbox"/> Prima Facie Default | <input type="checkbox"/> Set Aside Default |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summary Judgment | <input type="checkbox"/> Compel Production   | <input type="checkbox"/> Change Venue      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other            |  |  |

I certify that I served a copy of this praecipe as required by SLR 5.015 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ on the following (indicate name and address):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed                      Signature  
OSB NO. \_\_\_\_\_              Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** If applicable, the certification required by UTCR 5.010, "conferring on MOTIONS under ORCP 21,23 and 34-46," must be filed separately.

**Distribution:** *Original Praecipe (Blue)* - to Judge (if assigned) **OR** to Rm. 210, Calendar Clerk (if on call), with courtesy copy of motion; *Copy of Praecipe* - to opposing parties, with courtesy copy of motion. See, SLR 5.015

(DO NOT FILE A COPY OF PRAECIPE WITH ORIGINAL MOTION PAPERS)

**Motion Praecipe**  
05-06 (1/98) (See SLR 5.015 (7))



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

_____	)	Case No.
Plaintiff	)	
v.	)	<b>PETITION FOR EXPEDITED HEARING</b>
	)	<b>(Ex Parte)</b>
	)	
_____	)	
Defendant	)	

Comes now \_\_\_\_\_, by the attorney named below, and petitions  
(insert the name of the party requesting the expedited setting)  
for an expedited hearing on the motion indicated below. The underlying motion is presented herewith  
for filing with the clerk.

1. Nature of the underlying motion for which an expedited hearing is requested:  
 Motion to Compel                       Motion to Quash  
 Other Motion As Follows:
  
2. Nature of the emergency which requires the setting of the motion to be expedited:
  
3. Trial date: \_\_\_\_\_; Date certain?  Yes    No
  
4. The Civil Calendaring Department of the court has been contacted and indicates the court is setting motion hearings on the five week cycle for the week of \_\_\_\_\_.
  
5. Judges who have heard previous motions in this matter are: \_\_\_\_\_.
  
6. Judges scheduled to hear pending motions in this matter are: \_\_\_\_\_.

I certify that I have complied with SLR 5.025 (3) regarding notice of this ex parte appearance to the opposing parties.

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Attorney)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Typed or Printed) and OSB Number

**PETITION FOR EXPEDITED HEARING (EX PARTE)**                      (See SLR 5.025 (2)(b))  
05-28A (5/09)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

In the matter of:	)	
	)	
_____	)	No.
	)	
and	)	<b>ORDER REGARDING CUSTODY</b>
	)	<b>AND PARENTING TIME</b>
	)	
_____	)	(After Mediation)

The parties having participated in mediation for the purposes of resolving issues relating to their child/children, and having reached an agreement, NOW, THEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the attached Mediation Agreement is declared the Order of the Court herein, and shall remain in full force and effect unless modified by subsequent Order of the Court.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff(s) )  
 ) Case No.  
 )  
v. ) **ABATEMENT ORDER**  
 )  
 )  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant(s) )

**IT APPEARING TO THE COURT** that the above case cannot proceed for the following reason:

- Bankruptcy; a copy of the petition or notice of bankruptcy is attached
- Independent Binding Arbitration (stipulation of the parties is attached)
- Other

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the above case be removed from the active docket of this Court for a period not to go beyond or exceed this date \_\_\_\_\_. (The date cannot be more than two(2) years from the date of this order.)

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this order shall not be rescinded without an order for reinstatement; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this case shall be dismissed without prejudice at the expiration of the date set and following notice of intent to dismiss pursuant to ORCP 54B(3), unless this case has been reinstated as an active case before the Court, or otherwise continued or resolved.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Presiding Judge

Presented By:

Print Name & OSB#

Attorney for

05-32 (4/07) ABATEMENT ORDER (See SLR 7.055(7))

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

_____	)	
Plaintiff(s)	)	Case No.
	)	
v.	)	<b>ORDER FOR SEVERANCE OF PARTY</b>
	)	<b>AND ABATEMENT</b>
_____	)	
Defendant(s)	)	

**IT APPEARING TO THE COURT** that a party in the above case cannot proceed for the following reason:

- Bankruptcy; a copy of the petition or notice of bankruptcy is attached
- Other:

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the above case be removed from the active docket of this Court for a period not to go beyond or exceed this date \_\_\_\_\_. (The date cannot be more than two(2) years from the date of this order.)

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this order shall not be rescinded without an order for reinstatement; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this case shall be dismissed without prejudice at the expiration of the date set and following notice of intent to dismiss pursuant to ORCP 54B(3), unless this case has been reinstated as an active case before the Court, or otherwise continued or resolved.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Judge

Presented By:

Print Name & OSB#

Attorney for

05-38 (12/00) (See SLR 7.055(7))

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

STATE OF OREGON, ) Citation #  
 )  
 vs. )  
 )  
 \_\_\_\_\_ )

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT**

You may choose any one of the following ways to take care of the citation issued to you:

- 1. Enter a guilty or “no contest” plea in person in Court and make a statement to the judge.
- 2. Enter a guilty plea or a no contest plea and submit a written explanation. No personal appearance is necessary, but **BAIL MUST BE POSTED**. *This option may result in a fine or forfeiture of all or part of the bail posted.*
- 3. Enter a not guilty plea and have a trial before the judge with the police officer present. If you do not receive a trial notice and court date within two weeks, you must contact the court immediately.
- 4. Enter a not guilty plea but agree to have the police officer’s testimony present by affidavit. This means that you will appear in Court, but the officer’s testimony will be in writing only, unless more information is needed by the judge.
- 5. Enter a not guilty plea and submit the entire trial by affidavits of the officer, defendant and any witnesses. This means that your testimony and that of the officer and any witnesses will be submitted to the judge in writing. You will not have to appear in Court, however, your testimony must be completed and turned in to Room 106 by 5:00 P.M. today . Only if the judge needs more information will testimony other than the written affidavits be considered. The case would be set for a hearing and you would be notified of the date and time of the hearing.

I, the above-named defendant, understand the options available to me and have chosen the option checked above. I agree that if I have chosen option #5, I will pay any fines and fees imposed within 30 days of being so notified by the Court. I understand that if I fail to pay the fines and fees as required, my driver’s license and right to apply for a license will be suspended.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant’s Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City / State / Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

06-45 (1/04) Trial by Affidavit (See SLR 16.025 (1)(c))

Supplementary Local Rules  
Fourth Judicial District, Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County  
Effective February 1, 2010

**Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County  
UNIFORM DUII DIVERSION PETITION AND AGREEMENT - DUII Diversion Form 1**

DUII diversion forms 2, 3, and 4 must be filed with this form and served on the district attorney or city attorney who filed the charge.

Petitioner is to provide the information required in this box as follows (print or type):			
Petitioner's Name and Residence:		Court where charge was filed and petition is to be submitted: <b>Multnomah Circuit Court</b> Court Name	
First _____	Middle _____	_____	
Last _____	_____		
Street _____	City _____	State _____	ZIP _____
Mailing Address (if different) _____			
Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Month Day Year	Phone #: _____	Driver License: _____ Number State	
		Date of DUII Offense _____	

For Court File Stamp

**Petitioner's Agreement and Waiver**

I, the petitioner, request that this court grant a diversion under ORS 813.200 to 813.270 in this case for the charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII). If the court allows this petition:

- 1) I agree to all of the items listed under the "Agreement with the Court" section of DUII Diversion Form 2 (located on the back of this form unless filed electronically) and have read and understand all of the other information in Form 2;
- 2) I plead guilty or no contest to the DUII charge as shown in the plea petition (DUII Diversion Form 4) submitted with this diversion petition;
- 3) I waive (give up) the rights listed in the plea petition; and
- 4) I waive my former jeopardy rights under the federal or state constitutions and ORS 131.505 to 131.525 in any future action on the charge or any other offenses based on the same criminal incident.
- 5) I waive the right to have diversion show cause proceedings in Gresham if the arrest for this offense occurred east of 122<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Name (typed or printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**COURT ORDER**

The court  (allows)  (denies) the petition for diversion. The DUII charge is alleged to have occurred on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. If "allowed," this court withholds entry of a judgment of conviction pending completion or termination of the diversion, and orders that:

- 1) The diversion period is one year beginning on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ and ending on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_;
- 2) The petitioner must pay fees to the court for the diversion as required by statute unless waived or deferred; **Fees: \$358**  
The court waives the following fees: None INDF \$25 DICO \$100 OPTS \$136 UNAS \$97  
**TOTAL FEES OWING: \$\_\_\_\_\_**  
Due immediately, or Payment schedule: \$\_\_\_\_ per month due by the \_\_\_\_ day of each month beginning \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- 3) The petitioner must attend a victim impact panel approved by this court.
- 4) The petitioner must pay any court-appointed attorney fees as ordered by the court.
- 5) The petitioner must file a motion at the end of the diversion requesting that the DUII charge be dismissed.
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

For Court File Stamp

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Judge

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## EXPLANATION OF RIGHTS AND DUII DIVERSION AGREEMENT – DUII Diversion Form 2

**Read this entire form carefully.** You are charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII). You may apply for the DUII Diversion Program but can enter the program only if you meet all eligibility requirements. The court will appoint a lawyer to help you if you request one and the court finds that you are indigent.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR DIVERSION PROGRAM.** You are eligible to participate in the diversion program only if:

- you meet all requirements described in the attached *Petitioner Sworn Statement of Eligibility* (DUII Diversion Form 3); **and**
- you appeared in court on the date scheduled for your first appearance on the charge or the court finds good reason to excuse your failure to do so; **and**
- you file this petition with the court within thirty (30) days of your first appearance in court, unless the court finds there is good cause to allow a later date.

**AGREEMENT WITH THE COURT.** The *Uniform DUII Diversion Petition and Agreement* (DUII Diversion Form 1) is your agreement with the court. **To have the DUII charge dismissed, you must do all the following:**

- a. Pay to the court the required diversion fees identified in Section 1 of the *Summary of DUII Diversion Fees* (DUII Diversion Form 5). If you cannot afford to pay these fees, tell the judge. The court may waive some of the fees or allow you to make payments over time, depending on your financial situation.
- b. Complete an alcohol and drug abuse assessment as directed by the court. You must pay the assessment fee directly to the assessment agency. You must also give the agency accurate and truthful information about your use of drugs and alcohol. The agency will recommend a treatment program if the agency determines that you need treatment.
- c. Complete the recommended treatment program. You must pay the treatment provider directly. If you cannot pay the cost of treatment, tell the treatment provider. The provider may be able to waive certain costs or allow you to make payments over time.
- d. Attend a victim impact panel and pay the participation fee as ordered by the court.
- e. Comply with state laws that discourage use of intoxicants in conjunction with motor vehicle operation.
- f. Do not operate a motor vehicle with any intoxicant in your blood system or while using intoxicants.
- g. **Keep the court advised at all times of your current mailing and residential addresses.**
- h. Install an approved ignition interlock device in all the vehicles you operate if ordered to do so by the court.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS

- a. The diversion agreement applies only to the DUII charge. Prosecution of the DUII charge will be delayed during the diversion period. If you are charged with other offenses arising from the same incident as the DUII, the other charges will be prosecuted separately. By entering into a diversion agreement, you give up the right to have the DUII charge decided at the same time as your other charges (former jeopardy).
- b. If you have a prior DUII conviction, the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision rules may prohibit you from leaving the state without permission during the diversion period.
- c. If you successfully complete the diversion agreement, you must file a motion at the end of the diversion period asking the court to dismiss the DUII charge. If you do not file a motion within six months after the end the diversion period, the court may, after giving notice to the district attorney, on its own motion dismiss the DUII charge.
- d. If the court finds that you violated the terms of the diversion agreement or that you were not eligible for diversion, the court will terminate the diversion agreement. The court may hold a hearing where you can “show cause” why the court should not terminate your diversion. **The court will send notice of such hearings by regular mail. If you fail to appear in court, the court can terminate the diversion agreement and may issue a warrant for your arrest.**
- e. If the court terminates your diversion agreement or you fail to fulfill the terms of the agreement by the end of the diversion period, the court will sentence you without a trial.
- f. You may file a motion asking the court to extend the diversion period, **but you must file the motion within the last 30 days of your scheduled diversion period.** The court may grant an extension if the court finds that you have made a good faith effort to complete the diversion program and that you can complete all remaining conditions within the extension period. The court may grant an extension **only once** and for **not more than 180 days.**
- g. The court will find that you have violated the diversion agreement if the court receives notice, at any time during the diversion period, that you committed the offense of DUII or of the open container laws under ORS 811.170.
- h. If the court denies the diversion petition, the state cannot use your guilty or no contest plea (in Form 4) when the state continues the prosecution.







**CERTIFICATE OF COUNSEL**

I am the attorney for the defendant in this proceeding and I certify that:

1. I have fully explained to my client the charge and possible defenses that may apply in this case.
2. I have personally examined this plea petition, explained all its provisions to my client, and discussed fully with my client all matters described and referred to in the petition.
3. I have explained to my client the maximum penalty and other consequences of entering a guilty or no contest plea, including possible immigration consequences.
4. To the best of my knowledge and belief, my client’s decision to enter this plea is made voluntarily, intelligently, and knowingly.
5. I have told my client that if he or she is eligible for court-appointed counsel and wishes to pursue an appeal, I will transmit the information necessary to perfect the appeal to the Office of Public Defense Services.

Signed by me in the presence of the above-named defendant and after full discussion of the contents of the certificate with the defendant this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Defendant's Attorney's Signature                      Attorney Name (typed or printed)                      Bar Number

**CERTIFICATE OF INTERPRETER**

I, the undersigned interpreter, hereby certify that I have read aloud the petition to the above defendant in the \_\_\_\_\_ language.

Signed by me in the presence of the above-named defendant this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Interpreter's Signature    Interpreter Name (typed or printed)

## SUMMARY OF DUII DIVERSION FEES - DUII Diversion Form 5

A defendant allowed into a driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUII) diversion program will be required to pay the fees listed below.

### **Section 1: Fees to the Court**

- A. The defendant must pay the following fees to the court:
- \$261 filing fee
  - \$97 unitary assessment fee
  - Court-appointed attorney fees

The court may waive all or part of these fees if it finds the defendant is indigent. The court may also allow the defendant to pay in installments over time.

### **Section 2: Other Fees**

- A. The defendant must complete an alcohol and drug abuse assessment.
- The cost of the assessment is \$150. The defendant must pay this fee directly to the agency or organization conducting the assessment.
  - The defendant must pay for any treatment recommended by the assessment. The cost of treatment varies. The defendant must pay treatment costs directly to the agency or organization providing the treatment. If the defendant is unable to pay, the agency or organization providing the treatment may allow payment in installments over time.
- B. The court may order the defendant to attend a victim impact panel and pay a participation fee. The fee can range from \$5 to \$50. The defendant must pay this fee directly to the panel coordinator on the day of the panel.
- C. The court may order the defendant to install an approved ignition interlock device in any vehicle operated by the defendant. The defendant must pay to the provider installing the device any costs associated with leasing, installing, and maintaining the device, unless the Department of Transportation finds that the defendant is indigent and waives all or part of these fees. The department may also defer the costs or allow payment in installments over time.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

THE STATE OF OREGON,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Case No. _____
vs.	)	<b>DUII Diversion Form 6</b>
	)	
	)	MOTION TO EXTEND THE
_____ ,	)	DUII DIVERSION PERIOD AND ORDER
Defendant.	)	

I am the defendant in the above case and I request that the court extend my diversion agreement for \_\_\_\_\_ (insert time that is not longer than 180 days). I offer the following information in support of this request:

1. I have made a good faith effort to complete the conditions of the diversion agreement.
  - a. I have completed the following conditions of the diversion agreement: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. I have not completed the following conditions of the diversion agreement: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. I have not completed the diversion conditions listed in "b" above because (explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. I will be able to complete the conditions of the diversion agreement within the extended period because (explain):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. I have not asked for or been granted any previous extension of the diversion agreement under ORS 813.225.
4. I understand that:
  - a. If I fully comply with the conditions of the diversion agreement within the extended diversion period, the court may dismiss the charge with prejudice if I file a motion under ORS 813.250.

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

If I fail to comply with the diversion agreement within the extended diversion period, the court will enter a judgment of conviction on the DUII charge and proceed to sentence me without a trial.

This motion and proposed order are respectfully submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant's Name (typed or printed)                      Signature of Defendant                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address    City                      State                      Zip                      Telephone Number

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**ORDER**

**FINDING.** The court finds the defendant named in the above motion  (made)  (did not make) a good faith effort to complete the conditions of the diversion agreement and that the defendant  (can)  (cannot) complete the conditions of the diversion agreement in the requested extended diversion period.

**ORDER.** The court  (allows)  (denies) the above motion for an order extending the diversion period in case number \_\_\_\_\_. If "allowed," this court orders the diversion period in this case extended for \_\_\_\_\_ (not longer than 180 days) beginning on \_\_\_\_\_ and ending on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Judge    Signature of Judge    Date

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Plaintiff(s) )  
 )  
vs. )  
 )  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Defendant(s) )

**Case No.**

**CERTIFICATE OF ALTERNATIVE  
DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**PURSUANT TO** Multnomah County SLR 7.075:

The parties signed below certify that they have complied with the rule by participation in arbitration, mediation, a judicial settlement conference, or some other form of appropriate dispute resolution. The parties participated in the following forms of dispute resolution (check any that apply):

- Judicial Settlement Conference
- Arbitration
- Mediation
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ (describe)

Signatures and Date of Signing

Party	Date	Party's Attorney	Date
Party	Date	Party's Attorney	Date
Party	Date	Party's Attorney	Date
Party	Date	Party's Attorney	Date
Party	Date	Party's Attorney	Date
Party	Date	Party's Attorney	Date

05-31 (2002) CERTIFICATE OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (See SLR 7.075(2))

CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON  
Fourth Judicial District  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROBATE COURT  
1021 SW Fourth Avenue, #224  
Portland, OR 97204  
503/988-3022

GUARDIANSHIP REPORT

**Minor's Name:**

**Case Number:**

**Minor's Date of  
Birth:**

**Date of Guardian's  
Appointment  
:**

(1) The address of the minor is: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) The telephone number for the minor's residence is: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) The address of the Guardian is: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) The telephone number for the Guardian is: \_\_\_\_\_

(5) How is this household financially supported: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(6) Is the minor still residing with you? \_\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_\_no  
If not, tell us with whom the child is living, the relationship of that person to the  
child, and why the child is no longer living with you: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(7) How long has the minor lived with someone else? \_\_\_\_\_

(8) Please tell us about the child's school attendance and grades: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(9) Please list any hobbies or recreational interests enjoyed by this child during the past  
year: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. During the past year I have received \$\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to help support this child. I spent \$\_\_\_\_\_ of that  
income on behalf of this child and I now have \$\_\_\_\_\_ remaining
11. I have (\_\_\_) / have not (\_\_\_) been convicted of a crime since my last report.
12. I have (\_\_\_) / have not (\_\_\_) filed to receive bankruptcy since my last report.
13. I have (\_\_\_) / have not (\_\_\_) had my driver's license suspended or revoked since my last  
report because of: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Please provide any other information you feel should be provided to the Court regarding this  
child's adjustment to your care (use the back of this report form if  
necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

“I hereby declare that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge  
and belief, and that I understand it is made for use as evidence in court  
and is subject to penalty for perjury.”

Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable:

Co-Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH  
PROBATE MEDIATION SUPPLEMENTAL LOCAL RULES 9.016 AND 12.045  
IN THE MATTER OF THE \_\_\_\_\_ ) CASE NO.

\_\_\_\_\_) NOTICE OF SELECTION OF  
MEDIATOR  
\_\_\_\_\_) AND SETTING DATE FOR  
HEARING

PARTY/ATTORNEY

PARTY/ATTORNEY

PHONE NO.

PHONE NO.

FAX NO.

FAX NO.

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED THAT THE MEDIATOR WILL BE:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ OSB# \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX NO \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

THE MEDIATOR HAS SCHEDULED A HEARING:

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

- THIS DATE IS WITHIN THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS ALLOWED.
- THIS DATE IS MORE THAN \_\_\_\_\_ DAY FROM ASSIGNMENT TO MEDIATION AND MUST BE APPROVED BY THE COURT.

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AND THAT I HAVE SENT COPIES OF THIS NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES/ATTORNEYS OF RECORD AND THE MEDIATOR.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Party/Attorney (OSB# \_\_\_\_\_)

ORDER APPROVING HEARING DATE BEYOND \_\_\_ DAYS FROM ASSIGNMENT

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Notice of Selection of Probate Mediator and Setting of Date of Hearing (10/09)

(See SLR 12.045(4)(a))