

SUPPLEMENTAL TRIAL PROCEDURES FOR DIVISION 29

Parties shall email the Judicial Assistant (coping opposing party) a proposed Final Judgment, with findings of fact, Parenting Plan and Child Support Guidelines (if children involved) in word format prior to commencement of trial.

Additionally, pursuant to Rule 12.440(a), the Court Orders the parties to comply with the following:

- A) Trial briefs and/or case law shall be delivered to Judge's Chambers at least three business days before the start of the trial.
- B) At least 7 days prior to the trial date, both parties shall complete, and exchange with each other, a completed Evidence Control Sheet, similar to Appendix A attached to this Order. Each item on the list shall be assigned a sequential capital letter under the Column titled "ID" and under "Petitioner/Respondent's Exhibit" shall be a brief description of the item. The "Exhibit" and "Location" columns are to be left blank for clerk use. Additionally, each item listed on the evidence control sheet shall have, attached to it, a yellow evidence tag at the time of the trial. Each party is responsible for making arrangements to view the items listed on the opposing party's Evidence Control Sheet, prior to trial. Items not included on the Evidence Control Sheet, timely disclosed to the opposing party, are subject to being excluded from evidence at trial. No witness, at trial, shall be shown any item that does not have a yellow evidence tag attached to it.
- C) If the case is the type of case that requires the Court to divide assets, debts, or both, the parties shall meet at least 7 days prior to trial, and create a single document, prior to trial, that divides properties and debts, that either party wants included in the final judgment, into the following three categories¹: 1) Property and Debts that both parties agree exist and the value that each party assigns to that property²; 2) Property and Debts that the Petitioner believes exist(s), that the Respondent either denies exists or otherwise is unaware of the property, and the value the Petitioner assigns to such property; and, 3) Property and Debts the Respondent believes exist(s), that the Petitioner denies exists or otherwise is unaware of the property, and the value assigned by the Respondent to such property. This single document shall be presented to the Court immediately prior to opening statements.
- D) Pursuant to Fla. Stat. 90.616(1), the Court orders that all witnesses, except as provided in Fla. Stat. 90.616(2), and except while they are testifying, are excluded from the trial, so that they cannot hear the testimony of other witnesses.

¹ The detail of the items should be as detailed as the parties request that the final judgment details the property.

² Fox example: 52 inch TV, located in the living room of the marital residence, Petitioner states the value is \$500 and the Respondent states the value is \$475.

- E) Records Custodians are NOT required unless there is a legitimate basis indicating that records have been altered or otherwise are not authentic and notice of not less than 7 days prior to the start of trial is given to opposing party.
- F) Judicial Notice will be pursuant to Fl. Stat. 90.201-90.207.

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/s/MARK S. BLECHMAN
Circuit Court Judge

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