

Supreme Court of Kentucky

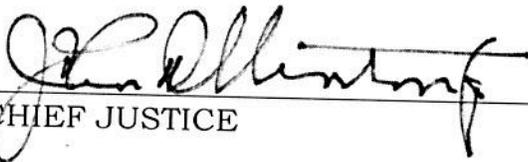
ORDER

IN RE: ORDER APPROVING TWENTY-FOUR HOUR ACCESSIBILITY TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS AND LOCAL JOINT JURISDICTION PROTOCOL FOR THE 4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT, HOPKINS COUNTY

Upon the recommendation of the Judges of the 4th Judicial Circuit and District, Hopkins County, and being otherwise sufficiently advised,

The Twenty-Four Hour Accessibility to Protective Orders and Local Joint Jurisdiction Protocol for the 4th Judicial Circuit and District is hereby approved. This order shall be effective as of the date of this Order and shall remain in effect until further orders of this court.

Entered this 21st day of December 2015.


CHIEF JUSTICE

**TWENTY-FOUR HOUR ACCESSIBILITY TO PROTECTIVE ORDERS AND
LOCAL JOINT JURISDICTION PROTOCOL
4TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT
HOPKINS COUNTY**

Pursuant to KRS 403.735 and KRS 456.030, and in compliance with Family Court Rule of Practice and Procedure Section IV, this local protective order protocol is established to ensure twenty-four hour accessibility to emergency protective orders (EPOs) and temporary interpersonal protective orders (TIPOs) and to establish written procedures for matters in which there may be joint jurisdiction between the Circuit/Family and District Courts.

I. Uniform Protocol for Handling Cases

- A. All petitions requested, completed and signed by persons seeking protection under KRS Chapter 403 or KRS Chapter 456 shall be made on Form AOC-275.1, and shall be accepted and filed with the court. KRS 403.725, KRS 456.030.
- B. All protective order cases must be processed consistent with the rules and procedures set forth in the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerk's Manual.
- C. All cases will be assigned a "D" case number with the appropriate trailer number within the court case management system and may not be consolidated with any other case type.
- D. "No drop" policies which place limitations on a petitioner's right to modify or withdraw a petition for a protective order are not permitted. Pursuant to KRS 403.740 and KRS 456.060, any orders for relief issued directing or prohibiting any other actions that the court believes will be of assistance in eliminating future acts of domestic violence and abuse, dating violence and abuse, stalking, or sexual assault shall not order the petitioner to take any affirmative action.
- E. Cases may be reassigned within the judicial circuit and, pursuant to FCRPP 12, a case may be transferred to another circuit if there is a pending dissolution or custody matter. If reassignment or transfer occurs, the issuing judge shall re-issue a summons until the matter may be heard by the receiving judge.
- F. The court shall review a petition for a protective order immediately upon its filing. KRS 403.730, KRS 456.040. Petitioners shall not be sent away or left waiting for extended periods of time. Petitions should be reviewed within an hour of presentation to a judge unless impossible due to no judge being available.

II. Twenty-four Hour Accessibility

- A. The following agencies and officers are authorized to take protective order petitions and administer oaths to petitioner **during** regular business hours – 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.:

Hopkins Circuit Court Clerk's Office
Hopkins County Justice Center
120 East Center Street
Madisonville, Kentucky 42431

- B. The following agencies and officers are authorized to take protective order petitions and administer oaths to petitioner **after** regular business hours and weekends:

Any local city or county law enforcement officer in Hopkins County
All Kentucky State Police Officers officially on duty in Hopkins County

- C. Upon receipt of a petition **during** regular business hours, the authorized agency/officer shall present the petition to the following:

First to the Family Court Judge; and if unavailable then to the District Court Judges; and if unavailable then to the Circuit Court Judge.

- D. Petitions will be reviewed within one hour of presentation to a judge unless it is impossible due to the unavailability of a judge.
- E. Upon receipt of a petition **after** regular business hours, the authorized agency/officer shall present the petition to:

The on-call District Judge or Family Court Judge.

III. Assignment of Cases

- A. Pursuant to KRS 403.735 and KRS 456.030, jurisdiction over petitions filed under this chapter is concurrent between district and circuit courts.
- B. The judge reviewing a petition for an order of protection shall indicate in the "Court Action" section of the petition whether the resulting action is a domestic violence action under KRS Chapter 403 or an interpersonal protective order action under KRS Chapter 456.
- C. The circuit clerk shall assign interpersonal protective order cases to the District Court and domestic protective orders to Family Court.

- D. The schedule for hearings on protective orders is as follows:
- Domestic violence orders to Family Court which shall be heard pursuant to local family court rules.
- Interpersonal protective orders to District Court on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m.
- E. Cases may be reassigned or transferred between courts if it is determined that there are other actions pending or circumstances indicate that review by the other court is proper. KRS 403.725, KRS 456.030. If reassignment or transfer occurs, the issuing judge shall re-issue a summons until the matter may be heard by the receiving judge.

IV. Contempt Proceedings

- A. Pursuant to KRS 403.763 and KRS 456.180, civil and criminal proceedings for violation of a protective order for the same violation of a protective order shall be mutually exclusive. Once a criminal or contempt proceeding has been initiated, the other shall not be undertaken regardless of the outcome of the original proceeding.
- B. Petitioners seeking to initiate contempt proceedings should contact:
- Alleged violation of domestic violence orders to Family Court.
Alleged violation of interpersonal protective orders to District Court.
- C. No petitioner may be held in contempt for failure to appear at a domestic violence hearing or prosecute a criminal violation of a protective order.

The above protocol is adopted by all judicial officers in this circuit:

James C. Brantley
Hon. James C. Brantley
Date: 11/23/15

Susan Wesley McClure
Hon. Susan Wesley McClure
Date: 11-23-15

William R. Whitley
Hon. William R. Whitley
Date: 11/23/15

David G. Massamore
Hon. David G. Massamore
Date: 11-23-2015