

Sixth Circuit Interim Chamber Rules

Due to Supreme Court Order ADM2020-00428 the Sixth Circuit Court will be implementing the following temporary Chamber Rules until in-court proceedings are resumed. All remaining Chamber Rules will not be affected.

CONTACT WITH COURT. Due to the restrictions on person-to-person contact, staff will primarily work from remote locations. Messages may be left on voicemail at 615-862-5917. You may also contact staff via email:

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MOTION DOCKET. Pending further orders of this Court, and pursuant to the Order of the Sixth Circuit Court entered March 13, 2020, there will be no oral argument concerning matters set on the motion docket unless this Court determines that oral argument is necessary. A party may request the opportunity to be heard by oral argument by filing a written request establishing the reason justifying the need for said oral appearance. Said request shall be filed when the motion or response is filed. If the Court determines that oral argument is required, then the motion will be heard by teleconference or video-conference as scheduled by this Court.

This applies to the Assignment Dockets for setting Jury trials as well as the regular motion docket. All such matters shall be decided on briefs.

Included are the following Motions which normally require an appearance. The Court will examine these motions and determine whether they should be granted, regardless whether a written response is filed:

- Motion to Set Aside Order or Notice of Dismissal. Must submit affidavits supporting the request.
- Motion to Withdraw as Counsel – Not just substitute
 - Submit an Order that includes language that client will be proceeding *pro se* if Counsel is not retained within 30 days' of entry of the Order to Withdraw.
Include current contact information for client including email and telephone.
- Motion to Continue Trial. Must submit affidavits supporting the request.
- Motion for New Trial
- Motion for Additur/Remittitur
- Motion for Directed Verdict (within 30 days of trial)
- Motion to be Exempted from One Year Rule. Must submit affidavits supporting the request.
- Motion for Discretionary Costs. Must submit affidavits supporting the request.
- Motion to Compel – Discovery
- Motion to Dismiss
- Motion for Default Judgment

- Motion for a Show Cause Hearing. Must submit affidavits supporting the request.
- Motion for Judicial Determination

ORDERS. The Court will prepare orders on matters in which there was a written response. The movant will prepare orders on matters to which no written response was filed. The Court will review all proposed orders.

TRIALS. All trials until April 1, 2020 are continued.