

DISTRICT COURT, ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO Court Address: Adams County Justice Center 1100 Judicial Center Drive Brighton, CO 80601 Phone Number: (303) 659-1161	<hr/> COURT USE ONLY <hr/> Case Number: _____ Division B1
<hr/> Petitioner <hr/> Respondent / Co-Petitioner	DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER-EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005

COURT FACILITATED PROCEDURE FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

1. Court procedures that apply to your case are set out in Rule 16.2 of the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure, which can be found in many public libraries, and which can be found online at <http://www.courts.state.co.us/supct/rules/rulesindex.htm>.

MANDATORY INITIAL CONFERENCE

2. **An initial conference shall take place within 40 days of filing. Rule 16.2 (c)(1)(E).** The party who files the Petition, or post-decree motion, shall schedule an initial status conference. This conference shall be scheduled at the Clerks office when the Petition or motion is filed in person. Otherwise, this initial status conference shall be scheduled by calling the Clerk of Division B1 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, on Monday through Friday at (303) 654-3244. Once the conference is set, the Petitioner (or moving party) shall confirm this date by filing a Notice of Hearing with the Court, and mailing the Notice to opposing counsel and any self represented parties.
3. **The only exceptions from the mandatory initial conference are when:**
 - Both parties agree on all aspects of their case, and they file an affidavit for decree without appearance complete with all supporting documents, (or they file a signed agreement resolving all issues in a post-decree matter). Rule 16.2 (c)(1)(D);

or

 - Both parties are represented by counsel, and they have filed a Stipulated Case Management Plan, *and* a Certificate of Compliance with the Mandatory Disclosures. Rule 16.2 (c)(1)(C).
4. Parties appearing at initial status conferences shall be prepared to determine a timeline of events leading to the completion of their case. Status conference procedures are more fully described in Rule 16.2(c)(2). Parties and their attorneys, if any, must attend the initial conference to the extent that they have had notice of its time and date.

PROCEDURES FOR ALL CASES

5. **All parties must comply with the disclosure provisions of Rule 16.2(e).** This rule requires each party to provide the other party with an Affidavit with Respect to Financial Affairs, and with the Mandatory Disclosures set forth in the Appendix to Chapters 1 to 17A of the Rules of Civil Procedure. Forms are included in the packets on sale from the Clerks Office, and they are also available online.
6. Disclosures shall be made as soon as is practical, but no later than the 40 day period set by Rule 16.2 (e). Each party shall file a copy of their financial affidavit with the court, and shall file a certificate that they have provided the Mandatory Disclosures to the other party. The other documents included within the Mandatory Disclosures shall not be filed.
7. Parties may engage in discovery and retain experts as permitted by Rule 16.2(f & g), but must seek court authorization for any additional discovery. Issues requiring the attention of the Court should be resolved at status conferences, or by the filing of motions, as determined by the Court.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

8. If you are or become subject to a protection order that prevents you from meeting with any other party to your case, please let the Division B1 clerk know this before your scheduled conference. An Advisement of Available Domestic Violence Services is attached to this order for the information of the parties in dissolution cases and others where this is an issue (Attachment I).

PARENTING CLASS

9. All parties with minor children who are seeking an initial divorce or allocation of parental responsibility must attend the Children Cope With Domestic Change class provided by Parenting After Divorce Colorado, P.O. Box 24265, Denver CO 80224-0265. For more information call 303-584-9815 or see the attached information sheet. This requirement does not apply to parties seeking to modify an existing divorce or “custody” decree.

It is so ordered.

Dated: January 1, 2005

Harlan R. Bockman
Chief Judge

ATTACHEMENT I.

ADVISEMENT OF AVAILABLE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Domestic violence is a pervasive problem in society. A significant portion of domestic violence in occurs in or near the home. Research shows that children in a home where domestic violence occurs are at greater risk of emotional, psychological, and physical harm.

Where there is credible evidence of spouse abuse in a marriage, the court must take this into account when determining parenting time and allocating decision-making responsibility for children.

If your case involves domestic violence, you are strongly encouraged to obtain assessment, counseling, or other available services for your family. If you are on a limited income, or cannot afford such services, then financial assistance may be available to cover some or all of the costs. If your children participate in assessments or counseling related to domestic violence, the court will apportion the costs of such services between the parties as it deems appropriate.

Call the following for domestic violence services and potential financial resources available in the Adams County area:

On-site Services at the Adams County Justice Center

Project Safeguard, [Brighton], 303-673-7761

Other Service Providers

A Woman's Place: [Fort Lupton] 970-356-4226

Adams County Department of Social Services: [adult protective services] 303-227-2353.

Alternatives to Family Violence: [shelter – Commerce City] 303-289-4441

AMEND: [Brighton / Broomfield: victim services, counseling for perpetrators]: 303-453-1000

Anti-Violence Program of Equality Colorado: [Lesbian, Gay, Bi., Trans.] 303-8525094

Asian Pacific Development Center: [Metro, Asian community] 303-355-0710

Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence: [outreach, referrals] 303-831-9632

Crossroads Shelter [shelter - men] 303-298-1028

Denver Indian Health and Family Services: [Native American] 303-781-4050

Denver Safehouse [crisis line for women, including lesbians] 303-318-9989

Domestic Violence Initiative for Women with Disabilities, 303-839-5510

Gateway Battered Women's Shelter: [Aurora] 303-739-7826

Services de La Raza, Inc [Spanish] 303-458-5851; 303-477-3817

Women's Crisis Center [Metro, 24 hour assistance] 303-688-8484