

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
DIVISION OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

	:	Case No. DR
Plaintiff,	:	
	:	JUDGE ROSEMARY GRDINA GOLD
	:	
v.	:	
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	:	JUDGMENT ENTRY- TRIAL ORDER
Defendant.	:	

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following Trial Orders shall be followed for the CONTESTED TRIAL scheduled for _____, 20__.

1. In accordance with R.C. 3105.171(E)(3) and (5), updated Financial Disclosure Statements, signed and sworn to by each party, shall be filed no later than ten (10) days before trial.
2. Unless ordered otherwise, all expert reports shall be served on opposing counsel (not filed) thirty (30) days before trial. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in exclusion of the expert.
3. Unless ordered otherwise, all discovery shall be completed no later than five (5) business days prior to the commencement of trial, including expert witness depositions.
4. Trial shall continue day-to-day until completed. COUNSEL WILL NOT BE EXCUSED TO ATTEND OTHER COURT COMMITMENTS. Counsel, parties and witnesses are expected to be present and ready to begin at the scheduled time. Counsel shall ensure that witnesses are available for testimony when needed. The Court will not adjourn a trial early because no witnesses are present to be called. The Court will accommodate scheduling expert witnesses out of order so long as all counsel agree.
5. Witness Lists (including supplemental lists) shall be filed pursuant to Local Rule 12(B). Subpoenas to witnesses must be served on opposing counsel in accordance with Civ. R. 45(A)(3).
6. Any pre-decree motions filed in the case will be disposed of before or at trial, to the extent practical, at the Court's discretion. The Court urges counsel to withdraw from consideration any unresolved motions that will be moot at trial.
7. Business records may be admitted without the testimony of a records custodian provided that the records were produced by the custodian (with or without subpoena) and the custodian has signed an affidavit meeting the requirements of Evid. R. 803(6).

8. Stipulations as to any fact or asset or liability values not in dispute are to be prepared by counsel and signed by the parties on or before _____, 20___. The Stipulations shall be marked as a Joint Exhibit at trial. Counsel are expected to introduce, by stipulation or exhibit, evidence of the values for any assets or liabilities as of the date of trial and/or other date to be argued by that party. UNJUSTIFIED REFUSAL OF ANY PARTY AND/COUNSEL TO STIPULATE TO UNDISPUTED FACT(S) AT TRIAL MAY BE GROUNDS FOR SANCTIONS.
9. All Joint Exhibits shall be pre-marked using roman numerals (Jt. Ex. I, etc.). Counsel shall avoid introducing duplicate records by using joint exhibits.
10. **ALL EXHIBITS SHALL BE MARKED BY THE COURT REPORTER AT TRIAL.** No later than 7 business days before commencement of trial, counsel shall prepare and exchange lists describing or identifying each of the exhibits s/he intends to use or offer at trial. Counsel shall ensure that opposing counsel has been provided a complete set of the exhibits no less than 7 business days in advance of trial. Copies of exhibits shall be provided to the Court during trial. **All personal identifiers (Social Security numbers, etc.) must be redacted from any exhibits used at trial.**
11. Exhibits in support of a motion for attorney fees, in compliance with Local Rule 21, shall be provided to opposing counsel at least 72 hours before trial commences.
12. The Court encourages counsel to use **SUMMARY EXHIBITS OR SPREADSHEETS** of monthly financial institution statements, credit card statements, payroll stubs, monthly bills, etc., where voluminous. Supporting documentation shall have been made available to opposing counsel for review in advance of trial, and should be available at trial if needed; however, only those items that are to be introduced as separate exhibits should be presented to the Court. See, Evid.R. 1006.
13. Oral closing arguments will be permitted if counsel so requests. Written closing arguments – summarizing the evidence and setting forth each party’s request for relief – should not include copies of exhibits admitted at trial. The due date for closing arguments will be set by the Court at the end of the trial.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

JUDGE ROSEMARY GRDINA GOLD

cc: , Counsel for Plaintiff
, Counsel for Defendant