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This Court often deals with many issues that are sensitive in nature. Considering this, the court has set forth rules of conduct and guidelines designed to govern the expectations of *pro se* parties so that the decorum of the Court and Court Staff will be maintained throughout all of our proceedings.

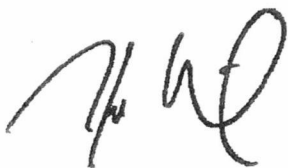
The purpose of this order is to secure that all parties and Court Staff are treated fairly, with equality, compassion, and respect. It is therefore Ordered that the following rules are in effect for all *pro se* litigants.

Court staff will provide answers to basic procedural questions that apply to all cases; for example, date of hearings, where to appear, what to bring when you appear for your court proceeding, and any accommodations (outlined in ADA guidelines) that may be needed for a party to participate in litigation. **Court staff cannot provide legal advice on any case. Additionally, Court Staff cannot make any legal conclusions regarding Orders in any Court Cases.**

When any *pro se* party is in need of legal advice, they may rely on the attached Legal Resource Guide in researching legal questions for their respective cases, or they may seek independent legal advice on their own.

While the Court welcomes inquiries, questions that are repetitive, duplicitous, or questions being asked of staff that constitute legal advice or call for a legal conclusion, either through voicemail messages, emails, or harassing behavior, may result in the Court issuing an Order that communication with the Court may only be through writing and in a limited capacity.

The Court may modify or rescind this order, in part or whole, at any time.



Magistrates Witkus and Pearson, Fourth Judicial District

This Document was written by the Court, July 2023

