

District Court, Grand County, Colorado
Court Address: 307 Moffat Ave, PO Box 192
Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451
Phone Number: 970-725-3357

COURT USE ONLY

Petitioner

Case Number:

Co-Petitioner/Respondent

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS
CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER (Amended 06-19)**

This order reflects the procedures to be followed in domestic relations cases in the 14th Judicial District.

INITIAL STATUS CONFERENCES

1. The Court orders the parties and counsel (if any) to attend an initial status conference and every status conference thereafter to ensure all parties understand and comply with Rule 16.2. The initial status conference will be held at 307 Moffat Ave, Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado on: _____ (date) _____ (time) with Susan Ritschard, Family Court Facilitator. Parties may appear in person or by telephone on the Family Court WebEx Meeting room by dialing 720-650-7664 and entering meeting room 922 464 004 followed by #.

Children should not be brought to conferences. If you bring children, your status conference may be vacated and you will have to reschedule.

2. The initial status conference must take place within 42 days of filing. The person filing the Petition is responsible for serving the other party with a copy of this case management order.

3. The purpose of the conference is (1) to review the case process, (2) to establish a schedule for completing Court requirements, and (3) to set the next event in your case.

4. The Facilitator or Judge does not and cannot represent either party or give legal advice. The Facilitator and/or Judge will not prepare documents for either party.

5. All parties who file an affidavit for decree without appearance with all required documents before the initial status conference shall be excused from the conference. However, the Facilitator may contact the parties to provide additional information if necessary.

6. If both parties are represented by attorneys, the attorneys may submit a Stipulated Case Management Plan signed by attorneys and the parties. If the Stipulated Case Management Plan, Financial Affidavit, and Certificate of Compliance are filed before the initial status conference, the parties are excused from the conference.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND HELP

7. The Court encourages but does not require you to use an attorney in your domestic relations case. If you wish to learn if you qualify for free legal assistance, call Legal Services at 1-800-521-6968.

8. If your case involves domestic violence, the Court encourages you to obtain an assessment, counseling or other support services for your family. Financial assistance may be available for those who cannot afford such services. Attached is a list of services available in the Fourteenth Judicial District.

9. Forms are available for self-represented parties to use. The Colorado Judicial Branch website at www.courts.state.co.us makes all forms available to download for free.

10. If you are representing yourself, a Self-Help Coordinator is available to assist you with general questions, paperwork, resources, and forms related to your case and can help you understand court statutes, rules, policies, and procedures. The Self-Help Coordinator is a neutral information provider only; the Coordinator cannot give you legal advice and the Coordinator cannot tell you your legal rights or remedies. For more information, or to set an appointment, contact your local combined court in the 14th Judicial District.

Moffat County	221 W. Victory Way, Suite 300 Craig, CO	(970) 824-8254
Routt County	1955 Shield Drive, Unit 200 Steamboat Springs, CO	(970) 879-5020
Grand County	307 Moffat Avenue Hot Sulphur Springs, CO	(970) 725-3357

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

11. The parties and counsel shall provide each other full and complete disclosure of all relevant financial documents as quickly as possible, but no later than 42 days from the date of service or, in the case of co-petitioners, from the date of filing. See Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 16.2(e)(2), Form 35.1 for guidance (JDF 1125).

12. Each party must file with the Court the form entitled "Sworn Financial Statement" (JDF 1111). Once the parties complete disclosure, the parties must file with the Court the form entitled "Certificate of Compliance." (JDF 1104).

13. All parties with children must file the appropriate child support worksheet. (JDF 1820 or JDF 1821).

14. Effective January 1, 2014, before a court can approve any Separation Agreement for any marriage at least three years in length, the parties must satisfy the court that they are familiar with the maintenance (spousal support) guidelines found at C.R.S. 14-10-114. These guidelines apply to all divorce cases and a free program to calculate maintenance can be found at http://www.familylawsoftware.com/download_client_edition_co.html.

15. For procedures on conducting discovery and using expert witnesses, see Rule 16.2(f) & (g).

PARENTING CLASS

16. Parties with minor children must attend a Parent Information Course. Attached to this order are the class schedules for Routt, Moffat and Grand Counties. For updated information, please contact the Clerk of Court in your county.

17. If you live outside the Fourteenth Judicial District, contact the local state court in your area for information on the next available parenting course for parents going through dissolution of marriage or allocation of parental responsibilities proceedings. You must file a motion with the Court for permission to attend such a course.

18. Any parent who does not participate in the parent information program without having obtained a waiver from the Court may be subject to a fine, jail sentence, or other contempt penalty.

19. The court, in its discretion, may order parents to attend an additional intensive training in parent to parent communication. The three-part ten-hour course teaches well-coordinated parenting.

MEDIATION

20. Mediation is required before a contested final orders hearing is scheduled. The court, in its discretion, may order the parties to mediation early on in the case. The parties may use any mediator of their choosing or may attend mediation with the mediator contracted with the Fourteenth Judicial District.

21. Upon motion of a party, the Court may issue a waiver if it determines that the case is not appropriate for mediation because of physical or psychological abuse. (See JDF 608/609)

MOTIONS

22. Motions that may be filed with the Court are listed in Rule 16.2(c)(4)(A). Other motions must first be approved by the Court at a status conference or in an emergency upon order of the Court.

23. Motions for temporary orders may be filed at any time after attendance at a status conference with the Family Court Facilitator or Judge if the parties cannot otherwise agree. The Court may schedule an offer of proof hearing on Temporary Orders for up to 45 minutes at any time after the initial status conference.

CONTESTED FINAL ORDERS HEARING

24. If both parties do not have counsel and they are requesting a contested final orders hearing, they must each file with the Court a brief statement of the disputed issues, a list of their witnesses, and their exhibits including updated financial affidavits. The statement, list of witnesses, and exhibits must be mailed to the other party at least 10 days before the hearing.

25. If at least one party is represented by counsel, the parties must file a Trial Management Certificate 10 days before the hearing. The parties must exchange exhibits at least 10 days before hearing. The Trial Management Certificate shall include those items described in Rule 16.2(h)(2).

26. The Court may exclude witnesses or exhibits not disclosed on time by the parties.

It is so ordered.

Dated _____

Attachments (2):

Domestic Violence Advisement
Parent Information Class Schedules

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the Domestic Relations Case Management Order was served on the other party by:

Hand delivered to: _____
 Delivered via attorney tray to: _____
 Mailed to: _____
 E-Filed

Date: _____ Deputy Clerk: _____

ADVISEMENT OF AVAILABLE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Domestic violence is a pervasive problem in society. A significant portion of domestic violence 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. Studies have found that 80%-90% of the children living in homes with domestic violence are aware of the violence. Emerging research has established that these children are at greater risk of the following: psychological, social, and behavioral problems; higher rates of academic problems; more physical illnesses, particularly stress-associated disorders; and a greater propensity to exhibit aggressive and violent behavior, sometimes carrying violent and violence-tolerant roles to their adult relationships. Studies have also noted that children are affected to varying degrees by witnessing violence in the home, and each child should be assessed on an independent basis. Colorado Revised Statutes Section 14-10-123.6.

If your case involves domestic violence; you are strongly encouraged to obtain an assessment, counseling, or other services for your family. If you are on a limited income or cannot afford such services, financial assistance may be available to cover some or all of the costs. Call the following for domestic violence services and potential financial resources available in your area:

GRAND COUNTY

Advocates For Violence Free
Community (970)725-3442
(970)725-3412 (24-hour crisis line)

Grand County Dept. of Social
Services (970)725-3331

MOFFAT COUNTY

Advocates
(970)824-9709
(970)824-2400 (24-hour crisis
line)
Moffat County Dept. of Social
Services (970)824-8282

ROUTT COUNTY

Advocates Building Peaceful Communities
(970)879-2034
(970)879-8888 (24-hour crisis line)

Routt County Dept. of Human
Services (970)879-1540

The organizations listed above may provide domestic violence assistance or refer out to other individuals or organizations to suit a particular need. Other providers may be found in the local telephone book yellow pages under the listing "Counselors."

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.