

MUSKEGON COUNTY CIRCUIT/FAMILY COURT

Policy and Procedure

Subject: **FRIEND OF THE COURT OBJECTION PROCESSES**

Effective Date: 12/2/2020

General Rule: When a recommendation, ex parte, or 7-day order is issued, there is an applicable objection period, specific to each type.

| FOC Objection Processes | Where to File Objection? | How Many Days to File Objection? | Obtaining a Hearing Date | Service of Process and Notice of Hearing on Other Party | Form |
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| Child Support-Objections to Recommendations | -If from FOC, File with FOC. -If from Referee, File with CCR. | 21 Days, from date mailed | -If FOC filed, no need to obtain hearing date, as FOC will provide the hearing date. -If filed with CCR, need to obtain date from Judicial Secretary prior to filing objection. See contact information below. | -In both situations, Objecting Filer must provide copy of objection to other party. -If FOC, Notice of Hearing sent by FOC. -If CCR, Objecting Filer is responsible for sending Notice of Hearing to other party at least 9 days prior to hearing by mail, or 7 days prior to hearing if in-person. (MCR 2.119)(C)(1). -File Proof of Service with CCR. | -If FOC, Objection form included on recommendation OR any written objection acceptable. -If from Referee Hearing, use FOC 68 . |
| Parenting Time/FIG B- Objections to Recommendations | -If from FOC, File with FOC. -If from Referee, File with CCR. | 21 Days, from date mailed | -No need to obtain hearing date, as the Judicial Secretary will provide the hearing date. -If filed with CCR, need to obtain date from Judicial Secretary prior to filing. See contact information below. | -In both situations, Objecting Filer must provide copy of objection to other party. -If CCR, Objecting Filer is responsible for sending Notice of Hearing to other party at least 9 days prior to hearing by mail, or 7 days prior to hearing if in-person. -File Proof of Service with CCR. | -If FOC, Objection form included on recommendation OR any written objection acceptable. -If from Referee Hearing, use FOC 68 . |

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| Custody/FIG B- Objections to Recommendations | -If objecting to Referee MCR 3.210(C)(8) Order, file with CCR. | 21 Days, from date mailed | Will either be reviewed by Judge or scheduled for a hearing with the Judge. | -Objecting Filer must provide copy of objection to other party. -Notice of Hearing, if hearing scheduled, sent by Judicial Secretary. | Objection form included on recommendation OR any written objection acceptable. |
| FIG A (Conciliation Conf)/Ex Parte or Temporary Orders- Objection to Recommendations | Circuit Court Records | 14 Days, from date mailed | Need to obtain date from Judicial Secretary prior to filing. See contact information below. | Objecting Filer must provide copy of objection and Notice of Hearing to other party at least 9 days prior to hearing by mail, or 7 days prior to hearing if in-person. File Proof of Service with CCR. | FOC 61 OR any written objection acceptable. |

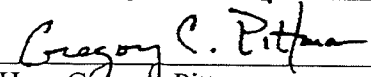
Filing Information: Please include phone number and email address.

- FOC Email: Imaging@co.muskegon.mi.us
- CCR Email: CCR_filings@co.muskegon.mi.us
- Mail- Hall of Justice, 990 Terrace, Muskegon MI 49442 (Attn: 3rd floor for FOC, 6th floor for CCR)
- FOC Drop Box Only- Located outside front entrance at HOJ, 990 Terrace, Muskegon MI 49442.

Contact Information:

- Judicial Secretary for Judge Sprader, Angela West: west41@co.muskegon.mi.us (231) 724- 6233
- Judicial Secretary for Judge Hoogstra, Rebekah Place: PlaceRe@co.muskegon.mi.us (231) 724- 6291
- Judicial Secretary for Judge Pittman, Jan Townsend: TownsendJa@co.muskegon.mi.us (231) 724-6530
- Sheri Ramos, Administrative Assistant for FOC: RamosSh@co.muskegon.mi.us (231) 724-6203

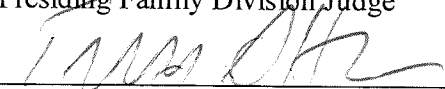
***Please Note: Confidential Address-** If the non-objecting party has a confidential address, contact the FOC for assistance at (231) 724-6203 or RamosSh@co.muskegon.mi.us



 Hon. Gregory Pittman
 Presiding Family Division Judge

12/2/2020

 Date



 Hon. Timothy G. Hicks
 Chief Judge 14th Circuit Court

12/9/2020

 Date