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INSTRUCTIONS FOR MOVING PARTY

DATE/TIME: All motions should be noticed for the 10:00 a.m. Civil Action Docket or the 11:30 a.m. Domestic/Family Law Docket (All Divorce cases, adoptions and Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court Appeals) unless the moving party believes the motion will be uncontested. All motions believed to be uncontested should be noticed for 9:00 a.m.. A minimum of two weeks' notice is required for all motions for Summary Judgment, Demurrers, Pleas in Bar, motions pertaining to discovery disputes and other motions for which any party desires to file a memorandum. A memorandum of points and authorities of five pages or less <u>must</u> accompany any of these pleadings and any other motion placed on the Two-Week Docket. If either party believes it necessary to file a memorandum exceeding five double-spaced pages, then the parties must utilize the Briefing Schedule procedure: contact opposing counsel or the opposing party and by agreement conduct a telephone conference call with the Calendar Control Judge, (703) 246-2221; or, if agreement is not possible, give advance notice of an appearance before the Calendar Control Judge to establish a Briefing Schedule.

Each side should bring a draft proposed order to Court on the day of the hearing, as the ruling <u>must</u> be reduced to an order that day, absent leave of Court. Cases may only be removed from the docket by the Court or by counsel for the moving party or the moving party. One Week Motions may be removed from the docket up until 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the hearing date, by contacting the Motions Clerk: (703) 246-4355. Two Week Motions may <u>not</u> be continued or removed from the docket after 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the hearing date, without leave granted by the Judge assigned to hear the motion, for good cause shown.

If a hearing on any motion must take longer than thirty (30) minutes, the moving and responding parties, or their counsel, should appear before the Calendar Control Judge to request a hearing for a day other than a Friday. See, "Motions Requiring More than 30 Minutes" in "Friday Motions Docket Procedures" on the Court's website at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/circuit/sites/circuit/files/assets/documents/pdf/civil-friday-motions-docket-procedures.pdf

MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER: Do <u>not</u> set a Motion to Reconsider for a hearing. (See Friday Motions Docket Procedures, available from the Clerk's Office, the Bar Association office or on the Court's website at the address above.

CERTIFICATIONS OF MOVING PARTY/COUNSEL: Rule <u>4:15</u> (b) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia provides in pertinent part that "Absent leave of court, and except as provided in paragraph (c) of this Rule, reasonable notice shall be in writing and served at least seven days before the hearing. Counsel of record shall make a reasonable effort to confer before giving notice of a motion to resolve the subject of the motion **and to determine a mutually agreeable hearing date and time**."

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE: Pursuant to Rule <u>4:15</u> (e), a motions pleading shall be deemed served <u>when it is actually</u> <u>received</u> by, or in the office of, counsel of record through delivery, mailing, or facsimile transmission; not when it is mailed or sent.

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CONCILIATION PROGRAM: The Fairfax Circuit Court strongly encourages use of conciliation procedures to resolve motions. The Fairfax Bar Association's Conciliation Program conducts conciliation without charge by experienced litigators, who meet in person or by telephone with all interested parties. To request conciliation, fax a Request for Conciliation form to the Fax Hotline, (703) 273-1274; e-mail a request for conciliation to: <u>ffxconciliation@aol.com</u>; or leave a voice mail message at (703) 627-1228. You will be contacted before the hearing date by a representative of the Conciliation Program.