

COURT RULES

STATE OF LOUISIANA

24TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT RULES

DOMESTIC EARLY INTERVENTION TRIAGE PROGRAM

Adopted August 30, 2006

Effective January 1, 2007

Louisiana Rules for District Courts

Acting in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, the Judges of the 24th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, do hereby adopt the following rule changes (with changes underlined) to the indicated Rules of Court, same to be effective January 1, 2007.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

Rule 24.0 (A) (3) (e) of the Domestic Early Intervention Triage Program is hereby amended to read as follows:

A party shall have three (3) days from the receipt of the recommendation or order of the domestic hearing officer to file a written objection to said recommendation or order. Thereafter, the recommendation of the domestic hearing officer shall become the judgment of the court. The objecting party shall file a memorandum on the law and facts with the district court judge within five (5) working days of the date the objection is filed.

Rule 24.1 (B) (4) of the Domestic Early Intervention Triage Program is hereby amended to read as follows:

Attendance and participation at hearing officer conferences is mandatory for attorneys and litigants.

Rule 25.4 (E) (3) of the Domestic Early Intervention Triage Program is hereby amended to read as follows:

In any domestic matter in which pleadings and/or hearing officer packets are filed which do not substantially conform to the rules of this court, or judgments are not submitted in a timely manner, the district judge, the domestic commissioner or the domestic hearing officer may impose such sanction as it may deem appropriate, and as provided by law, including but not limited to:

3. An award of costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, to the opposing party, to compensate such party for the time and expense lost. The reasonable attorney's fee sanction shall be up to \$250.00 from the offending attorney or pro se litigant to the aggrieved attorney or pro se litigant. This sanction shall also be applicable to attorneys or litigants that unjustifiably fail to appear at scheduled hearing officer conferences or district court trials, without prior notice to the hearing officer or court.

Gretna, Louisiana, the 30th day of August, 2006.

FOR THE COURT:

Robert A. Pitre, Jr., Chief Judge