

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF BELMONT  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

**DOCKET AND JOURNAL ENTRY**

In Re: **Amendment to Local Rule 12.14 Domestic Relations Procedures**

**Date of Entry:** January 29, 2010

In accord with Local Rule 12.14, the following Domestic Relations Procedures shall be added and incorporated into Appendix A to Local Rule 12, as follows:

**Deposits**

**DRP-29** At the time of filing a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage, the parties must deposit the full amount of \$200 before the Clerk of Courts will accept the filing.

If the full deposit of \$200 (Divorce) or \$150 (Post Judgment Motion) is not paid at the time of filing, the Court will review the parties' financial affidavits required by Belmont County Local Rules. The Court will then assess a payment plan for either party or both parties based on their income.

All parties are ordered to contact the Clerk of Court with any change of address.

### **Language for CSEA Entries**

**DRP-30** The following will appear at the end of CSEA entries: **IF THE DEFENDANT APPEARS** - Defendant is ordered to pay the court costs of this action. Defendant is ordered at the end of the hearing to proceed to Clerk of Courts' Office to arrange a monthly payment schedule. If the Defendant fails to address his/her court costs within thirty (30) days of receipt of the bill, the Court will reschedule a hearing to show cause why the court costs have not been paid. The Court will issue a bench warrant for failure to appear at any scheduled hearing.

The following will appear at the end of CSEA entries: **IF THE DEFENDANT DOES NOT APPEAR** - Defendant is ordered to pay the court costs of this action. Defendant is ordered to contact the Clerk of Courts' Office within seven (7) days of the date time stamped on this Entry. If the Defendant fails to address his/her court costs within thirty (30) days of receipt of the bill, the Court will reschedule a hearing to show cause why the court costs have not been paid. The Court will issue a bench warrant for failure to appear at any scheduled hearing.

### **Deputy Assistance**

**DRP-31** Due to the financial situation of the County, in Domestic Relations cases that requires or the parties request a sheriff's deputy to be present for an exchange of property, there is a charge of \$50 for one deputy for a maximum of two (2) hours. In cases where the parties are destitute, the Court will assess a cost based on each party's financial ability.

As previously required by the Court, the parties will need to contact the Sheriff's Department to arrange for a deputy to be present at the exchange. The parties will need to **pay** the fee for the deputy **prior to the exchange date and time**. The parties will be required to provide a list of items to be exchanged and/or retrieved to the deputy. If one or both of the parties become argumentative with each other or the deputy, the deputy has the right to cease the exchange. If the exchange is in excess of two (2) hours, unless previously arranged, the parties will need to schedule a new date to complete the exchange.

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**JOHN M. SOLOVAN, II – JUDGE**

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**JENNIFER L. SARGUS – JUDGE**