

**IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
WASATCH COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH**

	STANDING ORDER REGARDING DOMESTIC CASES Judge Jennifer A. Brown
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Historically, the Wasatch County District Court has not had a domestic commissioner assigned, which resulted in all domestic matters being heard by the District Court Judge. Approximately one year ago, a domestic Commissioner was assigned to hear cases at the Wasatch County District Court one afternoon per month.

While having this resource available has been a benefit to the Court and parties involved in domestic cases, it is not possible to have all domestic matters heard by the Commissioner during that abbreviated schedule, necessitating that some matters still be heard by the district court judge, largely based upon timing of filings in terms of proximity to the Commissioner's normally scheduled hearing dates. This inconsistency has caused some confusion with parties and counsel as to which rules of civil procedure apply to various motions and proceedings. This standing order is intended to address that confusion, so that every litigant and attorney is aware of how to proceed and prepare for motion practice before this Court.

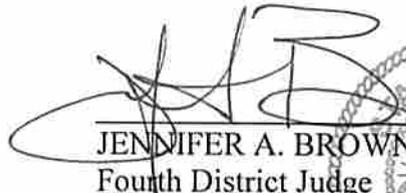
The Court's standing order is that all parties should proceed as though their pending matters will be heard by the District Court Judge, unless and until notice is given that it is scheduled before the Commissioner. Under this standing order, Rule 101 of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure does not apply unless the parties have been informed by the Court that a motion

will be heard by the Commissioner, and motion practice shall proceed pursuant to Rule 7 of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure. Once the parties are informed by the Court that the motion will be heard by the Commissioner, motion practice shall proceed pursuant to Rule 101 of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure.

Furthermore, practitioners who contact the Court to obtain a potential hearing date in order to prepare proposed orders to show cause, or other hearing notices, should include within those proposed documents whether the hearing will be held before the District Court Judge or the Commissioner so that the opposing party or counsel will be notified as to which judicial officer will preside, and can proceed under the appropriate rules.

DATED this 4th day of November, 2019.

BY THE COURT:


JENNIFER A. BROWN
Fourth District Judge

