

MEMO

To: Montgomery, Robertson & Sumner County Bar Associations

From: Magistrate Ashleigh L. Travis

Date: May 17, 2021

Re: Child Support Docket Changes

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Effective Friday, May 28, 2021, all Child Support dockets will return to in-person. This includes all civil trials and motions.

I have given immense consideration to the *Order Modifying Capacity, Distancing, and Facial Covering Requirements* issued by the Tennessee Supreme Court on May 14, 2021, especially as it relates to the continuance of trials by telephone or other electronic means. As you are aware, child support dockets largely consist of pro-se litigants and trials rely heavily on the production of financial information. Due to this, child support trials are more effective when conducted in-person.

With the decline of Covid-19 cases and continued increase in vaccinations, I believe it is prudent to return to in-person; however, I will continue to stagger docket settings to limit the amount of people within the courtroom. The use of a face covering within the courtroom will be optional.

If you or your client is high-risk and wish to request the trial be conducted in a manner other than in-person, please contact my office.

This past year has been a challenge for all of us. I thank each of you for being resilient, patient, and kind throughout the many transitions. I most certainly look forward to the continued progression of returning to normal courtroom procedures.