

**NUMBERING SYSTEMS FOR LOUISIANA FAMILY AND
DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURTS AND JUVENILE COURTS**

TITLE IV

**Twenty-First Judicial District Court
Parishes of Livingston, St. Helena and Tangipahoa**

Chapter	23	ORGANIZATION OF THE COURT
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Rule	23.0	Divisions of Court
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21st JDC	DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND FAMILY COURT MATTERS
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Amended effective November 30, 2011	Divisions of court “A” through “H” hear domestic relations cases on a randomly allotted basis. Domestic rules, trials, and procedures are subject to the Louisiana District Court Rules, Titles I and II, and special procedures may be set by each individual judge. Such procedures must be communicated to the litigants through counsel of record or directly to the litigants where said litigants are unrepresented. Domestic matters are scheduled in the same manner as other civil matters and are set in accordance with the official Court Calendar. Each of the judges of these divisions may use special forms approved by that division and furnished by the court to the litigants to assist the court and the parties in preparation for matters to be heard by the court. In the event a judge requires the use of special domestic relations forms, said judge will so clearly state which forms are applicable in the scheduling order of the rule or trial of the domestic relations matter, and will furnish to the attorneys or litigants copies of said forms upon request.
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Chapter	25	ALLOTMENT, REALLOTMENT AND TRANSFER OF CASES; FORM OF PLEADINGS
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Rule	25.0	Allotment of Cases
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21st JDC	SPECIAL PROVISIONS IN FAMILY AND DOMESTIC CASES
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Amended effective November 30, 2011	In domestic cases, all pleadings involving the same family units shall be allotted to the same division of court, under the process set forth in Appendix 9.3. When a petition in a civil divorce action, protective order case under Title 46 of the Revised Statutes, or a rule for support initiated by the State of Louisiana is filed, that matter shall be immediately allotted, and any subsequent filing in any of these types of proceedings shall be filed in the same proceeding as the pleading first filed.
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Chapter	33	CONFIRMATION OF DEFAULTS AND UNCONTESTED MATTERS UNDER CIVIL CODE ARTICLE 103 ACCORDING TO LA. CODE CIV. PROC. ARTS. 969 AND 1702E
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Rule	33.2	Judgments of Divorce in Chambers under La. Code Civ. Proc. Art. 1702E
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21st JDC	Section 1
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Amended effective November 30, 2011	Where good cause is shown, all parties consent thereto, and with the permission of the court, any hearing in a divorce proceeding, including contested and uncontested rules for spousal support, child support, visitation, injunction, or other matters provisional and incidental to divorce proceedings, may be conducted in chambers rather than open court.
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Section 2

A motion requesting such a proceeding be conducted in chambers may be made by either party, or upon the court's own motion.

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Chapter 35 ALIMONY AND CHILD SUPPORT MATTERS ANCILLARY TO CIVIL DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS

Rule 35.0 Use of Hearing Officers

21st JDC THE HEARING OFFICER

Amended effective November 30, 2011 Section 1

The judges of the District, by en banc order, may retain hearing officers, whose duties and powers are prescribed by law. The schedule of the Hearing Officer(s) shall be outlined on the Official Court Calendar.

Section 2

The Hearing Officer shall hear all contradictory motions for Protective Orders throughout the District, unless otherwise directed by the allotted (presiding) judge. Appeals from Hearing Officer decisions shall be as provided by law and to the allotted Division of Court, and judgments shall be signed by the allotted judge.

Section 3

The hearing Officer shall hear all non-support matters throughout the District. Appeals from Hearing Officer decisions shall be as provided by law and to the allotted Division of Court, and judgments shall be signed by the allotted judge.

Section 4

The Hearing Officer may be assigned other substantive duties allowed by law upon order of the Court, en banc. The Hearing Officer shall perform such administrative duties as assigned by the Chief Judge.

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Chapter 37 PARTITION OF COMMUNITY PROPERTY

Rule 37.2 Pre-Trial Procedures

21st JDC Community property partition cases which are filed separately from the divorce action giving rise to the partition proceeding shall be allotted to the same division to which the first action involving the parties was allotted. The same rule for allotment shall be applied to support enforcement, paternity actions, protective orders, and all other matters involving the same family unit.

Amended effective November 30, 2011

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Chapter 38 CUSTODY AND VISITATION ORDERS

Rule 38.1 Ex Parte Custody Orders

21st JDC

Ex parte custody orders shall comply with Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure Article 3945, and a certification by the clerk of court that no contrary pleading/order has been filed within the past thirty (30) days.

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