

RULES FOR LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS

TITLE V

Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court

Parishes of Bossier and Webster

Chapter: 41

Chapter Title: Court Organization and Sessions

Appendix 22

Rule No: 41.1

Court Administration: Duty
Judges: Mediation

Pursuant to La.Ch.C. 423, the Court may, by majority vote, appoint one more qualified persons to serve as hearing officers to conduct pre-adjudication and post-disposition hearings and resolve matters preliminary to adjudication and subsequent to disposition in any proceeding authorized by the Children=s code. The hearing officer will also serve as the court-appointed administrative body pursuant to La.Ch.C Art. 603(8) to assist the Court with those hearings as provided for therein and as juvenile traffic referee pursuant to La.Ch.C. Art. 422.

Such hearing officer shall have all the authority and duties set forth in the Louisiana Children=s Code and in any and all other relevant statutes including, but not limited, to those set forth in La.Ch.C. art. 422, La.Ch.C. art. 423, La.Ch.C. art. 603(8), La.Ch.C. art. 692, La.Ch.C. art. 702, and La.Ch.C. art. 955 and 956. Any exceptions or objections to the report, findings, or recommendations of the hearing officer or the court-appointed administrative body must be filed in writing within ten (10) days after the date of mailing by the Clerk of Court of such report, findings or recommendations. The party filing such exception or objection must specifically state in writing the basis or reason for same.
Adopted and effective on the 16th day of June, 2003.

Allotment

Criminal cases shall be divided into four (4) classes which shall be designated as follows:

Class I Capital cases

Class II Felonies requiring a jury of twelve persons

Class III All other felonies

Class IV Misdemeanor cases and Juvenile cases

The classification of the offense shall be determined by the charge in the Bill of Information or Indictment. However, if a motion is filed by the defense prior to the District Attorney's filing, the classification shall be determined by the motion filed.

Misdemeanor and Juvenile cases, described as class IV cases, shall not be allotted, but shall be heard by any Judge hearing such matters as they arise.
