

# TITLE IV

## Chapter: 22 Chapter Title: JURISDICTION OF THE COURT

### Rule No: 22.0

#### Jurisdiction of the Court

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**4th Judicial District  
Court  
Parishes of  
Morehouse and  
Ouachita**

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**A. Jurisdiction**

While recognizing that each judge of this District has original civil jurisdiction for family and domestic proceedings for the parishes comprising this District; and without creating any sort of specialized Family Court or Family Division; This Court nevertheless recognizes that the increasing volume of family and domestic litigation carries a high burden in terms of time, money and emotional strain for the parties, their children, and the family law bar; And in order to provide much-needed relief the court has adopted the special rules set forth in this Title for all Family and Domestic Proceedings (hereinafter sometimes referred to as Family Docket Cases). Nothing herein shall be construed or interpreted to limit the jurisdiction or authority of any District Judge. Where the Family and Domestic Proceeding rules in this Title are silent, the Rules for Louisiana District Courts, Title I and II and Appendices for the Fourth JDC shall apply.

**B. Family Docket Cases Defined**

Family Docket Cases shall consist of (a) all divorces and all issues which are ancillary to a divorce proceeding; (b) all non-marital cases involving child-related issues (paternity, custody, visitation and support); (c) all family or domestic protective order issues; (d) all issues relating to community property and matrimonial regimes; and (e) enforcement of orders in any of these matters, including contempt of court (except that contempt of court alleging violation of a protective order shall be heard by the assigned judge).

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**16th Judicial District  
Court  
Parishes of Iberia,  
St. Martin and St.  
Mary**

**RULE 5A.1 FAMILY DOCKET CASES DEFINED**

Family Docket Cases shall consist of (a) all issues which are ancillary to a divorce proceeding, (b) all child related issues (paternity, custody, visitation and support) in non marital cases, (c) all protective order issues, and (d) enforcement of orders in any of these matters, including the issue of contempt of court.

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