

**APPENDIX 24.5: COURT-SPECIFIC RULES CONCERNING EXTENSIONS OF TIME
TO PLEAD IN FAMILY LAW PROCEEDINGS**

Extensions of time to plead are also addressed in Appendices 3.2 and 9.3, for Titles I and II. The entries below are those from Title IV only.

COURT	PARISHES	COURT-SPECIFIC RULES CONCERNING EXTENSIONS OF TIME TO PLEAD IN FAMILY LAW PROCEEDINGS
1 st J.D.C.	Caddo Parish	<p>Any motion for an extension of time shall state:</p> <p>(a) The date on which the defendant or responding party was served;</p> <p>(b) A statement as to whether or not a rule to show cause is pending in the case and, if so, the return date of the rule; and</p> <p>(c) A statement as to whether this motion is the first or subsequent extension requested.</p>
15 th J.D.C.	Acadia, Lafayette, and Vermilion Parishes	Any motion for an extension of time shall contain a statement as to whether the motion is for the first, second or subsequent extensions requested.
18 th J.D.C.	Iberville, Pointe Coupee, and West Baton Rouge Parishes	Except for extreme emergencies, any ex parte application, including applications for an extension of time or continuance, shall be in writing and shall set out in detail the effort of the applicant to inform opposing counsel, or in the case of an unrepresented individual, the opposing litigant, of the content of the motion and the date and time the motion will be presented to the Court. Except for the most unusual circumstances, the Court shall hear from opposing counsel or litigant before acting on an ex parte motion.
Family Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge	East Baton Rouge Parish	<p>A. Except by written consent of all parties, only one order will be signed ex parte extending the time for pleading and such extension will not be in excess of fifteen days beyond the time allowed by law. However, this rule may be waived by the Court in exceptional cases. Motions and rules for any other extensions or exceptions shall be tried contradictorily by preference.</p> <p>B. After a case has been allotted and except as otherwise provided in the rules, all contradictory hearings shall be held before the judge then presiding over that division.</p> <p>C. Extensions and Continuances. Except for extreme emergencies, any ex parte application, including applications for an extension of time or continuance, shall be in writing and shall set out in detail the effort of the applicant to inform opposing counsel, or in the case of an unrepresented individual, the opposing litigant, of the</p>

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<p>24th J.D.C.</p>	<p>Jefferson Parish</p>	<p>A. Any motion for extension of time shall state:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The date on which the defendant or responding party was served; 2. Whether a hearing officer conference, commissioner, or district court date is set and, if so, the date and time; and 3. Whether the motion is the first or a subsequent request. <p>B. Every attempt shall be made to hold hearing officer conferences and district court and commissioner hearings and trials on the dates originally set. In the event a motion for extension of time is granted, every attempt shall be made to grant the extension of time for a period which will preserve the hearing officer conference, commissioner and district court dates originally set.</p> <p>C. Except by written consent of all parties, or for good cause shown, only one order will be signed ex parte extending the time for pleading and such extension will not be in excess of thirty (30) days beyond the time allowed by law.</p> <p>D. Motions and rules for any other extensions or exceptions shall be tried contradictorily, with preference.</p> <p>E. Except for emergencies, any ex parte motion, including, but not limited to, a motion for a continuance, shall be in writing and shall set out in detail the effort of the applicant to inform opposing counsel, or in the case of an unrepresented individual, the opposing litigant, of the content of the motion and the date and time the motion will be presented to the court. Except for unusual circumstances, the court shall hear from opposing counsel or litigant before acting on an ex parte motion.</p>

