

RULES FOR LOUISIANA DISTRICT COURTS

TITLE V

Thirty-Sixth Judicial District Court

Parish of Beauregard

Chapter: 41

Chapter Title: Court Organization and Sessions

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General Organization of the Court

Rule No: 41.0

General Organization of Court:
Divisions or Sections of Court

The 36th Judicial District Court is comprised of two Divisions: A & B. Both divisions are general jurisdiction courts. Division A shall be designated the juvenile duty court for the months of February, April, June, August, October and December of each year. Division B shall be designated the juvenile duty court for the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November of each year. The judge of each division shall have the responsibility for the signing of all emergency orders relative to the juvenile docket of the District during their designated duty month.

Juvenile hearing days for the 36th Judicial District Court shall normally be the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month beginning at 9:30 A.M. and recessing at 4:30 P.M. The judge of either division may designate any day as a juvenile hearing day as may be necessary to comply with the Adoption and Safe Families Act and the requirements of the Louisiana Children's Code.

Protective Orders, Support Enforcement Matters, and Child Support Hearings shall be heard pursuant to authority of law by the Court Hearing Officer on Thursdays of each week, beginning at 9:00 A.M. Juvenile Traffic Matters shall be heard by the Court Hearing Officer on the First Thursday of each month at 1:30 P.M.

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Duty Judge and Case Allotment

Rule No: 41.1

Court Administration: Duty
Judges: Mediation

The Duty Judge shall be subject to call for emergency hold orders and/or arrest and search warrants. Continued custody hearings, applications for arrest and search warrants, and all related matters are to be handled by the Duty Judge assigned in accordance with the schedule established by the Court en banc.

The duty judge shall set the time when continued custody hearings in will be heard. All such settings shall be in conformity with the Adoption and Safe Families Act and the Louisiana Juvenile Code.

All newly filed juvenile cases shall be randomly allotted between the two divisions of Court in accordance with rules established by the Court en banc, except that in cases where a juvenile is taken into custody pursuant to an instant order requiring a Continued Custody Hearing; such cases shall be allotted to the Duty Judge issuing the instant custody order and conducting the Continued Custody Hearing.

Upon allotment of a case to a particular Section, the case shall remain in that Section unless it is later transferred pursuant to a Court rule, by an agreement of the two Judges involved or by recusal of the Judge to whom the case is originally assigned.

The Duty Judge should not sign a continuance for a case assigned to another division of the Court when the presiding Judge is available. The presiding Judge shall always be contacted if all possible, and if the presiding Judge will not be available within a reasonable time the Duty Judge has the discretion to make the decision on the continuance.

Upon request by the Judge to whose Section a case is allotted, or with his consent, or in his absence, any Judge may hear any case, render any judgment, sign any order and take any and all appropriate action in any case, without regard to the Section to which the case was originally allotted.

All cases which have been filed and allotted then dismissed and refiled, shall be reallocated to the Section of Court to which the case was originally allotted. It shall be the duty of any attorney in such case to call the Clerk of Court's attention to the existence of such earlier case.

All adoptions are to be randomly allotted between the two divisions of court, except those adoptions resulting from Termination of Parental Rights cases or Surrenders signed in conjunction with CINC cases. Adoptions resulting from such terminations or surrenders are to be allotted to division which supervised the CINC case.

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Rule No: 41.2
Court Procedures

Juvenile Court Procedures

Appointment of Counsel for Indigents

Indigent defense in Child in Need of Supervision, Families in Need of Service, and Child in Need of Care Cases shall be furnished by the 36th Judicial District Indigent Defender Board and shall be appointed by the Courts on a rotating basis from a provided roster, except that counsel appointed by the Court to represent juveniles in Child in Need of Care Cases shall be appointed from the local bar in the discretion of the Court and shall be paid with funds which may be available through DSS, OCS and not from funds allocated to the 36th Judicial District Indigent Defender Program. Requests for payment by appointed counsel in such latter cases shall comply applicable law and agency procedure.
