

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

TITLE IV

Civil District Court

Parish of Orleans

Chapter 23 ORGANIZATION OF THE COURT

Rule 23.1 Sections of Court

Orleans CDC
Rule 11,
Sections 1 & 2

RULE 11. DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTIONS

Section 1. In accordance with Act 460 of 1979, there is hereby designated a Domestic Relations Section of this court, composed of three judges or divisions. One of the said judges shall preside over Domestic Relations Section # 1, and the other over Domestic Relations Section # 2 and the third over Domestic Relations Section #3.

Section 2. Domestic relations cases shall consist of all domestic matters, including suits for divorce or annulment, alimony, child support, custody of children, partition of community property, adoption, and any other similar matters which the court en banc may designate as domestic relation matters or cases.

Civil District Court

Rule 11, Sections 1 & 2

Chapter 24 SCHEDULING HEARINGS AND TRIALS; ORDER OF BUSINESS

Rule 24.0 Scheduling Hearing; Scheduling Trials

Orleans CDC
Rule 11,
Section 3

RULE 11. DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTIONS

Section 3. Hearings may be held in chambers in accord with R.S. 9:302.

Civil District Court

Rule 11, Section 3

Chapter 25 ALLOTMENT, REALLOTMENT AND TRANSFER OF CASES; FORM OF PLEADINGS

Rule 25.0 Allotment of Cases

Orleans CDC
Rule 6, Sections
2, 3, & 4 (Part
2)

RULE 6. ALLOTMENT OF CASES

Section 2. No case shall be allotted which has not been regularly filed and docketed.

Section 3. To avoid confusion when divisions rotate in and out of the domestic relations section, cases shall be allotted to sections rather than to the divisions of court. Upon filing the first pleading, a case shall be randomly allotted either to section 5 through section 16 (non domestic cases) or to a domestic relations section. When a division ceases to be a domestic relations section, it shall be assigned those cases previously assigned to that division succeeding to the domestic relations section. The Clerk of Court shall publish conspicuously in the Clerk's Office the assignment of case sections to particular divisions of the court. The division shall handle the section cases assigned to it until a change in the assignment of cases in accordance with this Rule.

Section 4. To achieve continuity of case management, and to avoid the appearance of forum shopping, it is

the policy of the court that subsequent but related cases should be transferred to the division to which the original case was allotted, whether or not such earlier case is still pending. It shall be the duty of any attorney in such cases to call to the court's attention the existence of such earlier case. The following are examples of cases which ought to be transferred to the original division:

Domestic cases involving spouses between whom a prior case had been pending, even though terminated by reconciliation or otherwise dismissed, including subsequent cases for dissolution of the marriage, settlement of the community, alimony or custody.

Civil District Court Rule 6, Sections 2, 3, & 4 (Part 2)

Chapter 36 CHILD SUPPORT PURSUANT TO HEARING OFFICER PROCEEDING

Rule 36.4 AFDC Paternity Suits

Orleans CDC
Rule 11, Section 5
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Section 5 Section 5. In accordance with R.S. 9:572, in all uncontested suits to establish paternity each division, at its option, shall require that proof be submitted by affidavit only.

Civil District Court Rule 11, Section 5

Chapter 39 OTHER RULES

Rule 39.0 Other Rules

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Rule 11, Section 4
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Section 4. Each domestic relations judge may adopt additional rules regulating practice before such judge.

Civil District Court Rule 11, Section 4
