

**Cuyahoga County, Ohio Domestic Relations Court**  
**Differentiated Court Dockets Case Management/Triage Model Timeline for Case Disposition**

<b>Docket</b>	<b>Track</b>		<b>Initial Appearance</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Appearance</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Appearance</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Appearance</b>
<b>Marriage Termination</b>  (~30 to 254 days from service of Complaint)	Dissolution		Final Hearing (30 to 90 days after filing)			
	Divorce	Uncontested	Final Hearing (42 days after service of Complaint)			
		Contested • Expedited • Ordinary • Complex	Case Management Conference • Identify issues in/not in dispute • Issue temporary orders • Make discovery schedule • Issue case management order • Triage for referrals to services <sup>1</sup> • Appoint experts • Convert to Final Hearing in expedited cases (~60 to 90 days after service of Complaint)	Pre-trial/Case Readiness Conference • Ascertain status of reports and discovery • Make additional orders/referrals if necessary • Schedule additional appearances in complex cases (~60-90 after Initial Appearance)	Final Pre-trial/Settlement Conference • Rule on outstanding motions • Issue trial orders (~30 to 60 days after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Appearance)	Trial (~7 to 14 days after 3 <sup>rd</sup> Appearance)
<b>Post Decree Property Enforcement &amp; Custody/ Visitation</b>  (~90 to 184 days from filing)	Property Enforcement		Case Management Conference • Check service of process • Identify issues • Make discovery schedule • Issue case management order (~ 30 days after filing)	Pre-trial/Case Readiness/Settlement Conference • Make additional orders if necessary • Issue trial order (~ 30 to 60 days after Initial Appearance)	Trial (~30 days after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Appearance)	
	Custody/ Visitation	Modification	Case Management Conference • Check service of process • Identify issues • Make discovery schedule • Issue case management order • Triage for referrals to services (~20 days after filing)	Pre-trial/Case Readiness Conference • Ascertain status of reports and discovery • Make additional orders/referrals if necessary (~60-90 after initial appearance)	Final Pre-trial/Settlement Conference • Rule on outstanding motions • Issue trial orders (~30 to 60 days after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Appearance)	Trial (~7 to 14 days after 3 <sup>rd</sup> Appearance)
		Enforcement	Case Management Conference • Check service of process • Identify issues • Make discovery schedule • Issue case management order (~20 days after filing)	Pre-trial/Case Readiness/Settlement Conference • Ascertain status of reports and discovery • Make additional orders if necessary • Issue trial order (~30 to 45 days after initial appearance)	Trial (~30 days after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Appearance)	

<sup>1</sup> Available services include appointment of Guardian ad Litem, Child’s Counsel, Parenting Coordinator, and Case Manager; and referral to Parenting Evaluation (custody, parenting time, brief focused, psychological, and/or substance abuse assessment), Substance Abuse Testing, Mediation, Parenting Education, Supervised Visitation, and Home Investigation.

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Post Decree Support  (~90 to 120 days from filing)	Enforcement	Case Management Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check service of process</li> <li>• Identify issues</li> <li>• Make discovery schedule</li> <li>• Issue case management order (~30 days after filing)</li> </ul>	Pre-trial/Case Readiness/Settlement Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make additional orders if necessary</li> <li>• Issue trial order (~30 to 45 days after Initial Appearance)</li> </ul>	Trial (~ 30 days after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Appearance)	
	Modification	Case Management Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check service of process</li> <li>• Identify issues</li> <li>• Make discovery schedule</li> <li>• Issue case management order (~30 days after filing)</li> </ul>	Pre-trial/Case Readiness/Settlement Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ascertain status of reports and discovery</li> <li>• Make additional orders if necessary</li> <li>• Rule on outstanding motions</li> <li>• Issue trial order (~30 to 60 days after initial appearance)</li> </ul>	Trial (~30 days after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Appearance)	
Domestic Violence  (~7 to 10 days from filing)		Ex-Parte Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issue Ex-parte order (day of filing)</li> </ul>	Evidentiary Hearing (7 to 10 days after filing)		