

SAGINAW COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT
INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING
RESPONSE TO MOTION REGARDING JOINT LEGAL CUSTODY DISPUTE (FOC 201)

Use this Response if: you received a Motion Regarding Joint Legal Custody Dispute. By filling out this response, you are answering the statements made in that Motion.

FILING YOUR RESPONSE:

- 1) Fill out the FOC 201 Response to Motion Regarding Joint Legal Custody Dispute (use a separate sheet and attach if you need more room to explain).
- 2) Bring, mail, or email your FOC 200 to the Circuit Court Clerk's Office at 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602, circuitcourtreCORDSfiling@saginawcounty.com. Please see the County Clerk's website for further electronic filing instructions. If you mail your motion, include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the Clerk to return your copies to you.
- 3) There is no fee to file a response to a motion.
- 4) The Court Clerk will keep the original and one copy and return the remaining copies to you.

SERVING YOUR MOTION

- 1) You **MUST** serve the Response to the other party (and attorney if represented) as soon as possible after filing your motion and at least **5 days before your hearing**. This is done by mailing the Response and all attachments by first class mail to other party/attorney. If you do not have the other party's address, you can obtain it from the Circuit Court Clerk's office.
- 2) After mailing the Response, complete the CERTIFICATE OF MAILING section on the bottom of the Response form.
- 3) **YOU MUST FILE YOUR CERTIFICATE OF MAILING:** Return to the Clerk's office to file two copies of the certificate of mailing. The court clerk will route a copy to the Friend of the Court.

PREPARING FOR YOUR HEARING

- 1) You must attend the hearing on this motion. If you do not appear, the Court may make a decision without your attendance. Hearings may be conducted by video conferencing (Zoom). Please review the notice of hearing for Zoom instructions.
- 2) Your hearing may result in a referral to the Friend of the Court for an evidentiary hearing before the Referee.

