

JUDGE SAVIN'S HYBRID MOTION CALL FAQs

Q: Will I have to appear in person or via Zoom?

The following types of motions will be heard in person in the courthouse:

- All custody issues
- All parenting time issues
- All child support issues
- All spousal support issues
- All requests for temporary orders such as status quo, exclusive use of marital home, and restraining orders
- All pre- and post-judgment enforcement issues
- All Personal Protection Order motions

The following types of motions will continue to be heard via Zoom videoconference:

- Adjournments
- Amend, correct, or strike pleadings
- Attorney fees
- Discovery
- Motion in limine
- Name change petitions
- Withdrawal of attorney
- Entry of Default Judgment
- Entry of Consent Judgment
- Summary Disposition

* If you have multiple motions scheduled to be heard by Judge Savin on the same Motion Call and any issue would be set to be heard in person, then all the motions will be set to be heard in person.

Q: How do I know when and where to go for Motion Call?

The Court and Friend of the Court (FOC) will continue to assign each case a specific time slot for the motion(s) to be heard. Notice will be sent by the Judge's staff through MiFile or US mail for unrepresented parties not signed up for MiFile. FOC may send notice through email, if you are meeting with FOC first and they have this information. The notice will include your time slot and whether you need to appear in person in Courtroom 3B or virtually through Zoom videoconference. The Motion Call calendar, including assigned times and whether the case will be heard in person or by Zoom will be posted on Judge Savin's electronic calendar on her website located at: <https://www.oakgov.com/government/courts/circuit-court/judges/family-division/hon-lorie-n-savin>.

Q: Where do I go if I must appear in person?

In person Motion Call will be conducted entirely in the Oakland County Circuit Court, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 48341. All parties and attorneys will check in with Judge Savin's Clerk inside Courtroom 3B on the 3rd Floor of the Courthouse. If you are meeting with the Friend of the Court Referee and/or Custody and Parenting Time Specialist (CPTS), you will be given directions by Judge Savin's Clerk how to check in with the Referee/CPTS and to wait in the Courtroom to meet with the FOC. Friend of the Court Staff will be in the Courthouse for their Pre-Motion Call Meetings.

Q: What if I have another Motion Call Hearing with a different judge that morning?

After checking in, attorneys may sign out on the white board in the Courtroom to inform the Court where they will be if they are needed. Attorneys should remove their name from the white board when they return. Attorneys that need to appear before another judge via Zoom may utilize a dedicated Zoom Room, Zoom Pod, or the Jury Assembly Room. Zoom Rooms must be checked out through Colleen Glodich in Court Administration. Attorneys and parties are expected to be in the Courtroom at the time their case is scheduled to begin.

Q: What if our case does not resolve with the assistance of the Friend of the Court?

If you were unable to resolve the motion through meeting with your Referee and/or Custody and Parenting Time Specialist, then you will sign up for an open slot to see Judge Savin that morning. After you are done with the Friend of the Court, the parties' attorneys (or the parties if they are self-represented) will be able to access a sign-up sheet held by the Judge's Clerk to select an open time slot for that morning. The attorneys must work together to select a time slot where they will both be available.

Q: What do we do after we reach an agreement or are heard by the Judge?

The moving party to every motion must prepare an order based on either the parties' agreement or the Judge's oral ruling. Do not leave the Courtroom until your order is prepared and submitted to the Judge for signature. Both parties will be able to receive a true copy of the order before leaving. Practice tip: It is helpful to come to Motion Call with a proposed order to submit to the Court.

Q: What do I do if I still have questions about my motion being heard?

You may submit any other questions about the motion call via email to SavinChambers@oakgov.com or call Judge Savin's Chambers at (248)858-5285. Please keep in mind that court staff cannot answer questions about the substance of a motion or provide legal advice.