

Rule 1931. Family Court Rules

A. Family Court motions and petitions for special relief or other contested matters or Family Court rulings must be in writing and must be presented in the Family Business Court session of the judge assigned to the case, as indicated in the Court's calendar, or, for urgent matters, to the assigned judge by appointment. A copy of the motion or petition with proposed Order, as well as notice of when and where it will be presented, must be provided to all parties at least five days before presentation to the Court. A certificate of service of the proposed Order, notice of presentation, and the motion or petition must be attached.

B. The notice of presentation required by Local Rule 1931 shall be directed to the respondent(s) to the motion or petition and shall be in substantially the following form:

[Caption]

NOTICE OF FAMILY BUSINESS COURT PRESENTATION

To: [Name of Respondent]

You are hereby notified that the attached [Petition or motion] and the preceding proposed Order will be presented in Family Business Court before the Honorable Judge [Name of judge] on [Date] at [Time] in Courtroom Number [] of the Lancaster County Courthouse, 50 North Duke Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602.

You may appear in person or by a lawyer at the time and place set forth.

Your failure to appear in person or by a lawyer at the time and place set forth may result in the Court granting the relief requested in the attached [Petition or motion] in the form of the preceding proposed Order, or other relief, without further notice to you.

_____ [Name of Movant or Petitioner]

_____ [Attorney for Movant or Petitioner]

C. The document shall be assembled so that the proposed Order is on top, followed by the notice of presentation, next by the petition or motion with any supporting exhibits, next by the verification, and finally by the certificate of service.

D. Prior to presentation to Court, any motion or petition must be filed with the Prothonotary.