

**Superior Court for Family Matters
Standing Orders re Discovery Motion
Effective July 1, 2021**

These orders shall apply to motions relating to discovery in family matters, whether pendente lite or postjudgment, unless waived or modified by the court in a particular case. For purposes of these standing orders, “motions relating to discovery” shall mean any motion or request seeking compliance with a discovery request or order, sanctions (other than a finding of contempt) for noncompliance with a discovery request or order, an extension of time to comply with a discovery request or order, a motion to quash or issue a protective order with respect to a subpoena or notice of deposition, or the resolution of an objection to a discovery request.

When a party files a motion relating to discovery, the family presiding judge or the judge to whom the motion is assigned may, in the judge’s discretion:

- (1) Schedule a hearing for oral argument and/or testimony on the motion; or
- (2) Wait a period of ten (10) days from the filing of the motion to afford the opposing party the opportunity to file a written objection or other response. Upon the expiration of said period, the judge may issue a decision on the motion and on any objection or other response, without oral argument or testimony. Alternatively, the judge may at that time schedule a hearing for oral argument and/or testimony on the motion and any objection or response.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an applicable statute or Practice Book rule requires that a hearing be held with respect to a particular motion relating to discovery, a hearing shall be held before the motion may be decided.

**The Honorable Michael A. Albis
Chief Administrative Judge
Family Division**