

## **DIVISION C FAMILY COURT PROCEDURES**

### **General Procedures**

Division C's family rule dockets are generally set on Fridays. These Court dates are designed to assist the parties in resolving their matters amicably through status conferences. The Court requires that counsel for the parties confer before presenting the issues to her in a status conference. The Court generally does not conduct custody hearings on Family Rule Fridays.

### **102 Divorces**

102 divorces may be granted on the pleadings, without necessity for hearing, if there is a waiver of appearance by the opposing party, and if all supporting documentation is filed into the record at least 48 hours prior to the hearing date. If all supporting documentation is not filed into the record 48 prior to the hearing, the attorney representing the movant must appear in open Court to confirm the divorce. When filing a judgment of divorce in either St. James or Assumption, please attach a note on the original judgment indicating the date that the divorce is set for hearing, and request that the Clerk of Court hold the judgment for Judge Stromberg to sign on the record that day.

You must appear in-person and present witness testimony to obtain a judgment of divorce for parties who entered into a covenant marriage.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> JDC has specific checklist that must be completed and filed into the record in order to obtain a judgment of divorce.

### **Child Support**

Division C has child support calculation software that counsel for the parties may use to help them reach a stipulation as to child support.

The parties may request to submit child support issues to the Court, on the memoranda, without a hearing, if they first execute a stipulated judgment specifically delineating which issues are to be presented to the Court.