IN RE:

DOMESTIC RELATIONS SUPPORT MASTER'S HEARINGS IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LACKAWANNA COUNTY

DOMESTIC RELATIONS

2020-MD-119

AND NOW, this _____ day of April, 2020 due to the Judicial Emergency/
COVID-19 pandemic declared in the 45th Judicial District, it here HEREBY ORDERED and
DECREED that all support hearings in front of Master Kathryn A. Karam, Esquire shall take
place as follows:

- 1. All Support Master's Hearings scheduled between April 14, 2020 through May 31, 2020 shall be held via video conference;
- 2. If either counsel or a party is unable to participate via video conference the matter shall be rescheduled;
- 3. A video conference ID and Password will be e-mailed to counsel/parties prior to the hearing. Counsel and or parties shall not disseminate the Video Conference Meeting ID and Meeting Password other than to their staff members, the parties and witnesses;
- 4. Prior to the hearing, counsel or parties shall identify all witnesses and disclose all exhibits or documentation via e-mail to opposing counsel/party and the Master at KatieKaram@PACSES.com, twenty-four (24) hours prior;
- 5. Counsel, the parties, and any witnesses shall participate in the hearing using electronic equipment that will allow the Master to both see and hear testimony and statements of counsel or the parties. Counsel for the parties shall ensure that the electronic equipment that counsel, the parties and witnesses intend to use in this proceeding is tested prior to the hearing and alert the Master immediately as to any technological issues;
- 6. No hearing participant shall record this hearing by audio or visual means. An official Court Reporter will participate in the hearing to transcribe proceedings;

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- 7. Counsel/parties and other hearing participants shall mute themselves when not speaking in order to avoid any potential background noise;
- 8. Counsel/parties and other hearing participants shall speak one at a time and pause prior to speaking in case there is any audio/video lag;
- 9. In the event there is audio/video lag, advise the Master immediately;
- 10. In the event that a connection is dropped, proceedings will be paused to allow sufficient time for a hearing participant to reconnect;
- 11. If the parties are not prepared at the time of the scheduled hearing this matter shall be rescheduled to a later date and time;
- 12. Copies of this Order shall be included in all scheduling correspondence via email to the parties;
- 13. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of Court.

BY_THE COURT