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**DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SHERIDAN COUNTY**

██████████,

Plaintiff,

vs.

██████████,

Defendant.

DR-2024-████

**ORDER SETTING MATTER FOR TRIAL AND OTHER DEADLINES
(Domestic Relations)**

IT IS ORDERED:

1. **EXPERT WITNESS DESIGNATIONS.** W.R.C.P. Rule 26 (a)(2) shall apply with the following exceptions. Any report required may be signed by counsel for the parties in lieu of the designated expert. In addition to the reports for those witnesses who have been retained or specially employed to provide expert testimony, the parties must provide reports for any witness who will testify as an expert, whether or not that witness' duty regularly involves giving expert testimony. The dates and deadlines of disclosure are modified as set forth below. If this matter includes treating healthcare providers, a report shall not be required from the treating healthcare provider(s), provided a complete copy of the treating healthcare provider(s) records have been provided as part of the initial disclosure or otherwise provided through discovery, and that the testimony offered is within the scope of the treatment provided. However, if the treating provider will be offering opinions based on his/her technical knowledge and training, counsel must provide a summary of the facts and opinions to which the witness is expected to testify and disclose the subject matter on which the witness is expected to present evidence. W.R.C.P. 26(a)(2)(B)(ii).

a. **February 14, 2025** - Deadline for Petitioner/Plaintiff to disclose any expert witnesses.

b. **April 4, 2025** - Deadline for Respondent/Defendant to disclose any expert witnesses.

2. **DISCOVERY.** The discovery cutoff shall be **May 19, 2025**. All fact witness depositions, document requests and requests for admission must be completed by this date. Written discovery requests are not timely if they are filed so close to this deadline that the recipient would not be required under Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure to respond until after the deadline. Expert witnesses may be deposed up until three (3) weeks before trial.

DISCOVERY DISPUTES:

(A) To promote a just, speedy and inexpensive determination of discovery disputes, the Court will decide motions involving discovery disputes without a hearing (unless a hearing is specifically requested by the Court) upon the written submissions of the parties.

(B) At the time of filing of any motion, response, and/or reply, a courtesy copy of the filing and/or supporting memorandum shall be provided to the Court electronically in Word format via e-mail at jd4@courts.state.wy.us. The Court may disregard any filing by a party failing to comply with these requirements.

(C) Any motion seeking relief due to a discovery dispute shall contain a certification that, prior to filing the motion, the movant has in good faith conferred with the opposing person or party to resolve the discovery dispute before seeking court intervention and/or the opposing person's or party's position on the motion. In the event that the movant has been unable to confer with the opposing person or party to resolve the discovery dispute before seeking court intervention, then the movant shall certify a description of all good faith efforts taken by the movant to resolve the discovery dispute. Movant's failure to so certify will result in automatic denial of the motion.

(D) Any response to a motion involving a discovery dispute shall be filed within ten (10) days (as computed under Wyo. R. Civ. P. 6(a)) of the filing of the motion.

(E) Replies to responses are not expected, but if necessary to address new matters raised in a response, a necessary reply shall be filed within three (3) days (as computed by Wyo. R. Civ. P. 6(a)) of the filing of the responses.

3. PRETRIAL MOTIONS AND MOTIONS IN LIMINE - Any pretrial motions or motions in limine must be filed on or before **June 2, 2025**.

4. PROPERTY AND DEBT SUMMARIES. The parties shall attempt in good faith to agree to a singular full and complete property and debt summary. If the parties can agree, the agreed upon property and debt summary shall be filed with the Clerk of District Court with the parties' pretrial memoranda. If the parties cannot agree to one property and debt summary, the parties shall file with the Clerk of District Court their competing property and debt summaries with their Pretrial Memorandum.

5. PRETRIAL MEMORANDUM. Each party shall file with the Clerk of District Court a Pretrial Memorandum no later than **June 2, 2025**, which shall include the following:

- a. proposed child support calculations (if minor children involved);
- b. proposed joint summary asset/debt division;
- c. list of witnesses with a short summary of the expected testimony of each proposed witness.
- d. list of exhibits;
- e. stipulated facts, if any; and
- f. the party's contentions including any legal authority supporting such contentions.

6. EXHIBITS. In addition to the Pretrial Memorandum requirements, the parties shall exchange trial exhibits by **June 2, 2025**. Plaintiff/Petitioner shall mark all exhibits using numbers (i.e., Plaintiff/Petitioner's Exhibit 1, 2, etc.) and Defendant/Respondent shall mark all exhibits letters (i.e., Defendant/Respondent's Exhibit A, B, etc.). Joint exhibits shall be marked using the designation "Joint Exhibit No. ____."

7. OBJECTIONS. All objections to trial exhibits and/or witnesses shall be filed on or before **June 9, 2025**, including any objections regarding authenticity.

8. TRIAL. Trial shall be held on **June 30, 2025**, beginning at **8:30 a.m.** One (1) day has been set aside for this matter to be held at the Sheridan County Courthouse in Sheridan, Wyoming.

9. MEDIATION/ADR. The Court will not impose a deadline on the parties by which mediation or other alternative dispute resolution must be completed. However, Rule 503 of the Uniform Rules for the District Courts of Wyoming permits the imposition of certain costs if a civil matter is resolved so late as to cause certain costs to be unnecessarily incurred by the Court in preparation for trial. Trial dates will not be amended to accommodate mediation.


10. CHILD SUPPORT. If minor children are involved, in accordance with W.S. § 20-2-308(a), each party shall complete and sign under oath a “Confidential Financial Affidavit” in a form substantially conforming to that approved by the Wyoming Supreme Court and available through the clerk of this court. After completion, but **within twenty (20) days** from the date of this order, each party shall file an original affidavit with the Clerk of District Court and shall serve a copy on the opposing party. Such affidavit shall include supporting information including, but not limited to:

- 1) Copies of the last two years of income tax returns;
- 2) Copies of all W-2 forms from the last two years; and
- 3) Copies of statements of earnings from each employer showing cumulative pay for this year to date. Parents who are self-employed must supply verified income and expense statements from their business for the two most recent years.

11. COURT REPORTER. Any party requesting the reporting of a particular matter by the official court reporter shall file a written notice with the Clerk of District Court and provide a copy of the written notice to the court reporter at least three (3) working days before the matter is set for hearing.

12. CONTINUANCES. There will be no change in scheduling unless approved by the Court. There will be no continuances granted or canceling of hearing dates without written motion filed with the Court supported by good cause.

DATED this 20th day of September, 2024.



DARCI A. V. PHILLIPS, JUDGE
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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