

NOTICE TO THE BAR

The Domestic Relations Division of Philadelphia Family Court is in the process of changing the scheduling profiles for its Support Masters. All Support Master proceedings listed for hearing on or after Monday, December 30, 2002 will be for a duration of 45 minutes.

Any party or attorney who believes a specific case requires a semi-protracted listing should request same at the pre-trial conference. If the case meets the criteria for a semi-protracted listing, the officer will schedule the Master's hearing as such. If the party or attorney believes that the case requires a protracted listing (i.e. longer than 90 minutes), a motion must be filed to have the matter certified as complex and scheduled accordingly.

Any party or attorney requesting a change in the duration of an already scheduled proceeding must do so no later than 22 days prior to the scheduled hearing. It shall not be considered good cause for continuance of an already scheduled hearing that an attorney or party has a pending request or motion to change the duration of the hearing.

Date: _____

MYRNA FIELD
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
FAMILY COURT DIVISION