

MAGISTRATE BRAXTON EZELL
Judicial Assistant – Brenda Routh (941) 749-3650
FAMILY DIVISION 4

“REQUIREMENTS FOR MOTIONS AND/OR COURT HEARINGS”

THE SCHEDULING ATTORNEY MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF: THE **“NOTICE OF HEARING”**, THE **“MOTION”** AND AN EXECUTED COPY OF THE **“ORDER OF REFERRAL”** TO THE MAGISTRATE’S OFFICE PRIOR TO THE HEARINGS.

ORDERS OF REFERRALS*: *Magistrate Braxton Ezell* is assigned to hear *all Division 4* cases. (*Please be sure an Order of Referral has been entered prior to your hearing.)

MOTION FOR REHEARINGS, RECONSIDERATION AND NEW TRIALS: All motions for rehearing, reconsideration and for a new trial are to be submitted directly to the Magistrate’s office, along with a cover letter. Magistrate Ezell will first review the motion to determine whether a hearing is required.

LOCAL RULES: Local Rules for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit are available from the Manatee County Bar Association and are printed in the Bar’s Membership Directories and through the Internet Bar website. Magistrate Braxton Ezell strictly adheres to Local Rules 5a and 5b regarding discovery motions. Non-compliance could result in the cancellation of your hearing.

FACSIMILES: Magistrate Ezell’s fax number is (941) 749-3690. The fax machine should be used for **emergencies** only. Notices of hearings, motions and all non-urgent documents should be hand delivered or mailed to the Magistrate’s office.

EMERGENCY HEARINGS: There is no set criteria as to emergency hearings and the Judicial Assistant can only give out emergency hearing time on the Magistrate’s directions. All motions requesting emergency hearing time should be faxed or delivered to the Magistrate’s office with an attached cover letter that includes the amount of hearing time required. The Magistrate will then review the motion to determine whether an expedited hearing is warranted.

TELEPHONIC HEARINGS: Magistrate Ezell allows telephonic appearances upon written request and only on hearings 15 minutes or less in length that are non-evidentiary in nature. For evidentiary hearings, the requesting party must comply with the requirements of Rule 2.071(d) Fla. R. Jud. Admin. The party appearing by phone should call (941) 749-3650 at the time of the hearing.

OFFICE HOURS: Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All hearings are held at the Manatee County Judicial Center, 1051 Manatee Ave. W., 3rd Floor, Hearing Room #2, Bradenton, FL 34205. All mail will be received at this address.

HEARING TIME/INTERPRETUR: IF YOU NEED MORE THAN 60 MINUTES OF HEARINGS TIME, PLEASE CALL THE JUDICIAL ASSISTANT. IF AN INTERPRETUR IS NEEDED YOU MUST PROVIDE ONE THAT IS COURT APPROVED, AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE.