

## FAMILY LAW SECTION BENCH-BAR COMMITTEE

Take-Aways from April 6, 2020

Location: Zoom

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Top take-aways from the meeting:

- The Milwaukee FCC will have Zoom hearings available as early as next week. If you have a case that was scheduled before the FCC between March 16 – May 15<sup>th</sup>, and all parties are represented by an attorney, the lawyers may request a Zoom hearing date. To request this please e-mail Commissioner Berrios (ana.berrios@wicourts.gov) and copy the other attorney. This is optional. You are welcome to wait for your adjourned in person hearing date, but if you want to get in sooner via Zoom then e-mail Commissioner Berrios.
- Judges have started to do stipulated divorces by affidavit as previously explained. The judges will discuss later this week what to do about the issue of access to notaries.
- The only in person hearings going on in family court right now are injunctions.
- Judges and clerks have been getting issued state laptops with remote access. Many clerks are now coming back online and working remotely.
- Ask the clerks individually about how to handle the Data Sheet.
- Judges will still try to hear motions to enforce physical placement within 30 days, presumably via phone or video. Attorneys should put as much of the facts as they can in those motions if they want a hearing set.
- If you have a court date before the FCC with two attorneys that will need to be rescheduled, the attorneys can e-mail Commissioner Berrios to try and arrange a new date.
- Court dates with the judges and the FCC that have yet to be officially rescheduled between now and May 15<sup>th</sup> will be done shortly.
- Next Bench Bar Meeting via Zoom will be on May 4<sup>th</sup> at noon.