

COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MERCER COUNTY, OHIO
STANDING ORDER 1 [SO 1]
DOMESTIC RELATIONS RESTRAINT ORDERS

All parties subject to an original divorce, annulment, or legal separation action in the Mercer County Common Pleas Court are subject to the following orders from the date an action is filed. This Order shall be strictly complied with under penalty of contempt of Court. In all cases, upon the filing of the initial complaint for divorce, annulment, or legal separation, both spouses shall be restrained from:

1. Each party is hereby enjoined and restrained from doing, attempting to do, or threatening to do any act of injuring, maltreating, vilifying, molesting, or harassing the adverse party of any of the child(ren) of the parties.
2. Obstructing or interfering with the other spouse's parenting time or communication with the minor child(ren), or concealing the whereabouts of the minor child(ren) from the other spouse, except where a protection order has been issued.
3. Causing or permitting the minor child(ren) of the parties to be removed from the state of Ohio except by a signed written agreement of the parties or authorization by this Court. The minor child(ren) shall not be removed from Mercer County for purposes of relocation unless by agreement of the parties or authorized in writing by this Court.
4. Disparaging, denigrating or otherwise speaking ill of the other spouse to or in the presence or hearing of the minor child(ren).
5. Using the internet, social networking sites, or mobile applications accessible by a computer or mobile electronic devices for the purpose of posting, commenting, sharing, or disseminating electronically written words, images, and/or videos which threaten, harass, or defame and/or slander the other spouse and which can be viewed by the other spouse, children of the other spouse, any users of the internet, and/or the general public.
6. Selling, removing, transferring, encumbering, pledging, damaging, hiding, concealing, assigning or disposing of any and all property, real or personal, owned by both spouses, or either spouse, or a child, including household goods, vehicles, and the personal property of each, without the prior written consent of the spouse or the court.
7. Voluntarily changing the terms or beneficiary of, terminating coverage of, cashing in, borrowing against, encumbering, transferring, canceling or failing to renew any type of insurance, including health, automobile, life, disability, home or fire insurance that provides coverage for a spouse or child(ren) of the parties.
8. Voluntarily liquidating, encumbering, borrowing against, cashing in, changing the beneficiary, terms or conditions of any retirement or pension plan or program that provides any benefit to a spouse or child(ren) of the parties and/or of either or both spouses.
9. Withdrawing funds from joint or individual bank, savings and loan association, and/or credit union accounts, retirement or pension funds (including IRA, Keogh, deferred compensation, or 401(k) accounts), trust brokerage houses or other financial institution accounts, except if such accounts are business accounts; provided however, that no stock broker is restrained from buying, selling or otherwise dealing with any stock, bond or other investment for the account of either spouse or both spouses. **THE MUTUAL RESTRAINING ORDER DOES NOT RESTRAIN MONIES RECEIVED IN THE FORM OF WAGES.**
10. Removing from the marital residence tangible personal property, other than a spouse's own clothing and personal effects or tools, equipment, books and papers incidental to the conduct of his/her trade, business or profession.
11. Incurring debt on existing lines of credit or credit cards in the name of the other spouse or in the spouses' joint names, unless by prior written agreement of the spouses or order of court.

The attorney representing the Plaintiff in any divorce action hereinafter filed in this Court shall furnish the client a copy of this rule, and that client, upon signing of the complaint, shall be bound by the terms of this rule.

The Clerk of this Court shall attach a copy of this rule to the summons so that both documents shall be served simultaneously and the Sheriff or other office serving the summons shall note the service of a copy of this rule together with a copy of the complaint in the return. In every other action hereinafter filed, the parties shall be bound by the terms of these standing orders upon service of the same. Any party may file a motion and supporting affidavit to modify this standing order for good cause shown.