THE 16th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF MICHIGAN, FAMILY DIVISION GENERAL PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE

REGULAR PARENTING TIME

- **A.** Weekend Parenting Time Every other weekend from 6:00 p.m. Friday until 7:00 p.m. Sunday (during the school year), and 8:00 p.m. Sunday (during the summer).
- **B.** Weekday Parenting Time One evening per week from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (9:00 p.m. during the summer months) to be determined by the parties. If unable to agree, it will be on Thursday.

HOLIDAY AND BREAK PARENTING TIME

Holiday and school break parenting time supersedes regular parenting time. Upon holiday or break parenting time ending regular parenting time resumes. Regular rotation for weekends do not change because of holidays or school breaks but remain the same.

If a child is not of school age or is homeschooled, then for all school breaks and holidays, the school vacation schedule of the district where the child resides controls. The holiday and school break schedule may not be appropriate for infants and toddlers and parents may wish to customize the holiday and school break schedule for their children.

C. Holidays

- **1. Memorial Day Weekend:** The non-custodial parent shall have the holiday every year from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Memorial Day at 7:00 p.m.
- **2.** Labor Day Weekend: The custodial parent shall have the holiday every year from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Labor Day at 7:00 p.m.

Father will have the following holidays in all even-numbered years and Mother will have these holidays in all odd-numbered years:

- **3. Fourth of July** from July 3rd at 6:00 p.m. until July 5th at 7:00 pm.
- **4.** Halloween from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on October 31st.
- **5. Thanksgiving weekend** from 6:00 p.m. the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving until 7:00 p.m. Sunday.

D. Mother's Day and Father's Day

The child(ren) will be with the Mother for the entire Mother's Day weekend and with the Father for the entire Father's Day weekend from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

E. Christmas/Winter Break

In all odd-numbered years, Father's Christmas parenting time will be from 6:00 p.m. on the last day of the child(ren)'s school until 9:00 p.m. on December 24th. Mother's Christmas parenting time will be from 9:00 p.m. on December 24th until 7:00 p.m. on January 1st. Thereafter, regular parenting time resumes.

In all even-numbered years, Mother's Christmas parenting time will be from 6:00 p.m. on the last day of the child(ren)'s school until 9:00 p.m. on December 24th. Father's Christmas parenting time will be from 9:00 p.m. on December 24th until 7:00 p.m. on January 1st. Thereafter, regular parenting time resumes.

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F. Easter/Spring Break and Mid-Winter Break

Father will have the Easter/Spring Break in even-numbered years and Mid-Winter Break in odd-numbered years. Mother will have the Easter/Spring Break in odd numbered years and Mid-Winter Break in even numbered years. Spring and Mid-Winter parenting time begins at 6:00 p.m. the day school recesses and concludes at 7:00 p.m. the evening before the school resumes. In the event that the Easter/Spring Break is divided into two breaks, the parent awarded Easter/Spring Break for that year will get both breaks.

G. <u>Summer Parenting Time</u>

Each parent will have a total of three (3) weeks (only 2 weeks consecutive):

- A single week shall consist of seven (7) consecutive overnights to begin on Friday at 6:00 p.m. of your regular alternating weekend.
- A two-week period shall consist of 14 consecutive overnights to begin on a Friday at 6:00 p.m. of your regular alternating weekend.

Parents are to exchange summer parenting time dates with the other parent by May 15th of each year. Failure to submit a summer parenting time request to the other parent will not result in a forfeiture of summer parenting time but may result in the parent who submitted late having to choose alternate weeks. In the event the parents have a conflict with summer parenting time, by having chosen the same weeks, they must timely notify Friend of the Court and the other parent, in writing, of the conflict and a proposed resolution.

H. Extracurricular Activities

Each parent is responsible for taking the child(ren) to extracurricular and sporting activities which are scheduled during their parenting time. Parents should communicate with each other prior to enrolling the child(ren) in extracurricular and sporting activities.

I. Transportation

Unless ordered otherwise, the non-custodial parent shall provide transportation to effectuate his/her parenting time.

J. Children's Birthdays

Parents shall alternate the children's birthday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with Mother being awarded odd numbered years, and Father being awarded even numbered years. In the event the birthday conflicts with a court ordered holiday or school break, the holiday or school break will supersede the birthday.

K. Relationship to Child Support

A parent may not deny parenting time because child support is behind or not being paid. In addition, a parent may not stop the payment of child support because he/she alleges a denial of parenting time.

L. Same Sex Parents

In the event of same sex parents, Plaintiff shall follow the Mother's schedule and Defendant shall follow the Father's schedule.

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