



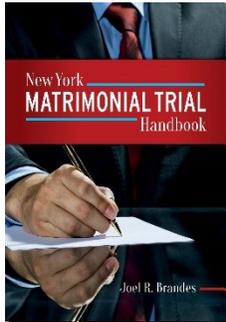
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[Time Table for Service of Motion Papers](#)

In this issue we have included for counsels reference our updated **2018 Time Table for Service of Motion Papers** which is based upon the provisions of CPLR 2214 (b), CPLR 2215 and CPLR 2103(b). A pdf copy of the timetable may be downloaded from our website at www.nysdivorce.com.

Appellate Division, Second Department

Lack of Contempt Warning and Notice May Be Waived by Contesting Application on The Merits

In *Dalton v Dalton*, --- N.Y.S.3d ----, 2018 WL 4473038, 2018 N.Y. Slip Op. 06078 (2d Dept., 2018) the Appellate Division rejected the defendant's argument that the the Supreme Court was without authority to adjudicate him in contempt because the plaintiff's order to show cause failed to include the notice and warning requirements of Judiciary Law § 756. By contesting the contempt application on the merits without raising this objection, the defendant waived any objections to the validity of the application based upon those requirements.

Family Court Act § 413(1)(a) does not require a third party who is awarded custody, but not a parent to financially support a child.

In *Lozaldo v Cristando*, --- N.Y.S.3d ----, 2018 WL 4344611, 2018 N.Y. Slip Op. 06015 (2d Dept., 2018) the maternal aunt and uncle of the subject children were awarded residential custody of the children after the death of the mother, and shared joint legal custody with the father. After a hearing the father was ordered to pay 100% of the children's unreimbursed medical and educational expenses, and to maintain a life insurance policy in the sum of \$1,000,000, designating the children as irrevocable primary beneficiaries. The Appellate Division observed that Family Court Act § 413(1)(a) provides that "the parents of a child under the age of [21] years are chargeable with the support of such child and, if possessed of sufficient means or able to earn such means, shall be required to pay for child support a fair and reasonable sum as the court may determine". The statute does not require a third party who is not a parent to financially support a child. While Courts have employed the doctrine of equitable estoppel, sometimes in conjunction with that of implied contract, to hold parties responsible for paying child support in the absence of a biological or adoptive connection to the subject child or an established parent-child relationship where, among other things, those parties agreed to adopt the child (see *Matter of H.M. v. E.T.*, 76 A.D.3d 528, 906 N.Y.S.2d 85; *Wener v. Wener*, 35 A.D.2d 50, 312 N.Y.S.2d 815) such circumstances did not exist here. The fact that the petitioners have residential custody and joint legal custody of the children did not relieve the father of his obligation pursuant to Family Court Act § 413(1)(a), as the children's parent, to financially support them.

2018 Time Table for Service of Motion Papers*

Service of Motion Papers by Personal Delivery or Facsimile

Serve Notice of Motion and Affidavits	Serve Answering Affidavits	Serve Reply Affidavits	Serve Notice Of Cross-Motion
8 Days Before Return Date	2 Days Before Return Date	N/A	3 Days Before Time Motion Is Noticed to Be Heard (plus 3 days, if by mail) (plus 1 “business day”, if by overnight delivery service)
16 Days Before Return Date	7 Days Before Return Date If Notice Of Motion Demands	1 Day Before Return Date	7 Days Before Time Motion Is Noticed to Be Heard If Notice of Motion demands. (plus 3 days, if by mail) (plus 1 “business day”, if by overnight delivery service)

Service of Motion Papers by Mail

Serve Notice of Motion and Affidavits	Serve Answering Affidavits	Serve Reply Affidavits	Serve Notice Of Cross-Motion
13 Days Before Return Date	2 Days Before Return Date	N/A	3 Days Before Time Motion Is Noticed to Be Heard (plus 3 days, if by mail) (plus 1 “business day”, if by overnight delivery service)
21 Days Before Return Date	7 Days Before Return Date If Notice Of Motion Demands	1 Day Before Return Date	7 Days Before Time Motion Is Noticed to Be Heard If Notice of Motion demands. (plus 3 days, if by mail) (plus 1 “business day”, if by overnight delivery service)

Service of Motion and Cross Motion Papers by Overnight Delivery Service

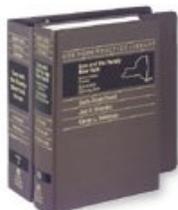
Serve Notice of Motion and Affidavits	Serve Answering Affidavits	Serve Reply Affidavits	Serve Notice Of Cross-Motion
9 Days Before Return Date	2 Days Before Return Date	N/A	3 Days Before Time Motion Is Noticed to Be Heard (plus 3 days, if by mail) (plus 1 “business day”, if by overnight delivery service)

17 Days Before Return Date	7 Days Before Return Date If Notice Of Motion Demands	1 Day Before Return Date	7 Days Before Time Motion Is Noticed to Be Heard If Notice of Motion demands. (plus 3 days, if by mail) (plus 1 "business day", if by overnight delivery service).
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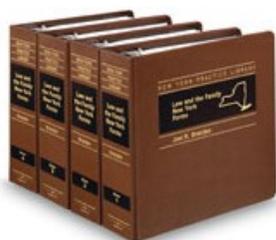
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