

**STANDING PENDENTE LITE ORDER**  
(Minor Children Not Involved)

The following *pendente lite* order applies to all contested divorce cases assigned to the undersigned Circuit Judge in which no minor children are involved, and shall be binding on both parties during the pendency of the action, pending further orders of the Court. **FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE PROVISIONS WILL SUBJECT THE DEFAULTING PARTY TO PENALTIES FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.** Accordingly, with reference to the case noted above, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. **Injunction Against Harassment:** Both parties are restrained from contacting or going about one another at their respective residences or places of employment, or elsewhere, for the purpose of harassing, threatening, intimidating, or assaulting the other, directly or indirectly, in person or by means of telephone, computer, mail or otherwise.

2. **Preservation of Assets:** The parties are ordered and directed to preserve, in their present form and location, all assets owned by them either jointly or individually, and are ordered not to sell, assign, transfer, conceal, remove from the jurisdiction of the Court, or in any manner dispose of, liquidate, conceal, encumber, dissipate or convert any assets of the parties, or change beneficiaries upon any life insurance policies, or alter any medical, hospitalization, or automobile insurance policies, or in any way alter the current cash value of any life insurance policy. However, this Order shall not prohibit the use of earned income to pay reasonable and lawful debts and living expenses of the parties, nor prohibit the use of physical assets in the same manner as the same had been used in the ordinary and customary activities of the parties prior to the filing of the action for divorce.

3. **Payment of Monthly Expenses:** The parties shall coordinate the payment of fixed monthly expenses (e.g. rent, mortgage payment, utilities, telephone, car loans, etc.) and other necessary living expenses of both parties. It is this Court's intent that the available incomes of both parties be used to maintain a "Financial Status Quo," to the closest extent possible and that both parties share *pro rata* in the payment of said expenses in situations where both parties have income.

4. **Negotiations of Other Conditions:** The parties are encouraged to mutually agree, if possible, on any other reasonable terms and conditions which will maintain the parties' status quo, pending final hearing; *provided, however*, that this Court expects any such agreement, if contrary to the orders set forth above, to be in writing, executed by both parties, and submitted to this Court for approval.

5. **Showing Required for Evidentiary Hearing:** In the event the foregoing standing *pendente lite* orders do not resolve all matters raised by a motion or petition filed in the referenced action, then the attorney for the moving party shall have the burden of petitioning this Court *in writing* for an evidentiary hearing, *and showing good cause (by affidavit or other proof) of the necessity of such hearing, pendente lite.*

**ORDERED this 18th day of August, 2010.**

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**ROBERT M. BAKER**  
**CIRCUIT JUDGE**