

**LOCAL RULE 40**

**CIVIL PROTECTION ORDERS – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/CIVIL STALKING  
AND SEXUALLY ORIENTED OFFENSES**

- A.** An action seeking an *ex parte* Civil Protection Order is initiated by filing a Petition for a Civil Protection Order with the Clerk of Courts. Petitions are accepted by the Clerk of Courts until 3:15 p.m. when the Court is in session. The Clerk of Courts shall not accept the filing of a Petition for a Civil Protection Order after 3:15 p.m.
- B.** The Petitions will be heard as the Court is able to schedule the hearing on its docket.

  - 1. If a Petition for a Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order is not heard by 4:00 p.m., it will be heard no later than 24 hours after it is filed with the Clerk of Courts.
  - 2. If a Petition for a Civil Stalking Protection Order is not heard by 4:00 p.m., it will be heard no later than the next day the Court is in session.