



Temporary Hearings

A temporary hearing is an early hearing where the judge sets the rules both parties follow while the case is pending. Temporary orders can address custody, parenting time, support, use of the home, and payment of bills until a final order is entered.

How it works

- 1 The Request.** Either party can ask for a temporary hearing, usually by filing a motion with or after the petition.
- 2 Scheduling.** The court sets a hearing date and decides how much time each side has to present its case.
- 3 Evidence.** Depending on the judge, evidence may come in through sworn affidavits, documents, and brief testimony.
- 4 Financial Information.** Financial affidavits and child support worksheets are generally required when support is at issue.
- 5 The Temporary Order.** The judge issues a written order that stays in effect until it is changed or replaced by a final order.

What orders can cover

Custody and Parenting Time. Where the children live and the schedule with each parent.

Support. Temporary child support and, in divorces, temporary alimony.

The Home and Bills. Who stays in the home and who pays which expenses.

Attorney Fees. The judge may order one party to pay some of the other's attorney fees on a temporary basis.

Conduct. Rules such as not discussing the case with the children.

What to keep in mind

Temporary orders are not final, but they often set the tone for the rest of the case.

Many parties reach an agreement on temporary terms without needing a hearing.

Follow the temporary order exactly, even if you disagree with it.

Your conduct during the case matters to the judge.

This guide provides general information about temporary hearings in Georgia family law matters and is not legal advice about your specific case. Your attorney will explain how a temporary hearing applies to your situation.

YOUR ROLE

Send the financial documents we request promptly, help us identify witnesses or people who can provide affidavits, and follow the temporary order once it is entered.

QUESTIONS?

As always, all questions and requests should be directed to the team via email to team@pepitone.law.