

On March 24, 2021, the Nebraska Supreme Court approved the following rule amendments to the Rules of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District, specifically “Rule 4-3. Domestic Relations Cases” and “Rule 4-14. Exhibits”:

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Rule 4-3. Domestic Relations Cases

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E. Temporary Support and Allowances. Unless otherwise ordered, applications for temporary support and allowances shall be governed by Neb. Ct. R. § 6-1504(B). Except where a party appears *pro se* and live testimony is required, or unless otherwise ordered, evidence shall be submitted by affidavits. Affidavits submitted in digital format, by fax, email, or other digital media, shall be limited to an aggregate total of ten (10) pages or less. Affidavits that exceed an aggregate total of ten (10) pages shall be submitted in hard copy. The moving party shall provide the Court and opposing counsel or the non-moving party, if not represented, the supporting affidavits at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing, together with a notice of the hearing. The non-moving party shall submit to the Court and the moving party or counsel for the moving party, if the moving party is represented, any responsive affidavit(s) within twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hearing. Other than *ex parte* relief allowed by statute, the court, in its discretion, may decline to consider any affidavit unless it has been exchanged in compliance with these guidelines.

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Rule 4-14. Exhibits

A. Public Records As Exhibits. In all cases where books, files, or records, or parts thereof belonging to or taken from the records of public offices are offered in evidence or are marked for identification to be offered at a pretrial conference, it shall be the duty of the party offering the same to furnish true copies of the same to the court reporter and the opposing counsel before the offer.

B. Documentary Exhibits. All documentary evidence which is not impeaching or rebuttal in nature shall be presented to the court reporter prior to trial, marked for identification, and exhibited to the opposing party for inspection.

C. Exhibits And Affidavits Submitted In Digital Format. Limits. Documentary exhibits and affidavits submitted to the Court or a court reporter in digital format, by fax, email, or other digital medium, shall be limited to an aggregate total of ten (10) pages or less. Documentary exhibits and affidavits submitted to the court or court reporter that exceed an aggregate total of ten (10) pages shall be submitted in hard copy. Exhibits and affidavits shall be submitted to the Court, and to any opposing parties, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing. The Court, in its discretion, may decline to receive into evidence any exhibit or accept any affidavit unless it has been submitted in compliance with this rule.

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