



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR BALTIMORE CITY (DISTRICT 1)

Administrative Order No. 2023-2

(Oral Examinations and Interrogatories in Aid of Enforcement or Execution of a Money Judgment in Small Claim Actions)

WHEREAS, House Bill 0127, which adds Section 11-704 to the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Maryland Code, was approved by the Governor of Maryland and shall take effect on October 1, 2023;

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2023, the District Court of Maryland may no longer order the appearance of an individual for an oral examination nor answer interrogatories in aid of enforcement or execution of a money judgment received in civil action filed as a small claim action as defined by Section 4-405 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Maryland Code;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chief Judge Morrissey and Directive #23-09, oral examinations of and/or interrogatories from individuals in aid of enforcement or execution of a money judgment in the District Court of Maryland may not be scheduled for small claim actions on or after October 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, requests for interrogatories from individuals in aid of enforcement or execution of a money judgment must have a serve by date no later than September 30, 2023,

NOW, THEREFORE it is this 15th day of September, 2023 hereby:

ORDERED, requests for interrogatories from individuals in aid of enforcement or execution of a money judgment must have a serve by date no later than September 30, 2023;

ORDERED, that all requests in the District Court for an individual to answer interrogatories in aid of enforcement or execution of a money judgment in a small claim action, where the serve by date would fall on or after October 1, 2023, are hereby DENIED;

ORDERED, that all requests in the District Court of Maryland, received on or after September 15, 2023, for oral examinations of individuals in a small claim action are hereby DENIED;

ORDERED, that all requests in the District Court of Maryland, received on or after September 15, 2023, for an individual to answer interrogatories in aid of enforcement or execution of a money judgment in a small claim action are hereby DENIED;

ORDERED, that any show cause hearing that are set on or after October 1, 2023, resulting from oral exams or interrogatories of individuals for small claims actions, should be CANCELLED; and

ORDERED, that any request for a show cause hearing resulting from oral exams or interrogatories of individuals for small claims actions, where the serve by date would fall on or after October 1, 2023, are hereby DENIED.

This Order may be revised by the undersigned as circumstances warrant.

Geoffrey G. Hengerer

Geoffrey G. Hengerer, Administrative Judge
District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City

CC:

Chief Judge John P. Morrissey, District Court of Maryland
Judges of the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City and staff
Senior Judges for District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City
Hon. Audrey J.S. Carrión, Administrative Judge for the Circuit Court for Baltimore City
Mary Abrams, Clerk, District Court for Baltimore City
Linda Lewis, Administrative Commissioner, District Court for Baltimore City