

The Hamilton County Juvenile Court has drafted the below amendments to the Hamilton County Juvenile Court's local rules of practice. Changes from the rules adopted on January 14, 2026 are highlighted below. Pursuant to Ohio Sup.R. 5(A)(2), the Court will be accepting comments on the proposed changes beginning today, March 31, 2026.

Please submit any comments to Administrative Magistrate Sarah Henry via e-mail at [shenry@juvcourt.hamilton-co.org](mailto:shenry@juvcourt.hamilton-co.org) by the end of business on Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Thank you for your assistance from all of us at the Hamilton County Juvenile Court.

#### **RULE 4. Official Law Journal**

The Cincinnati Court Index, 119 West Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, is the official daily law journal of the Court in which all notices, advertisements, and other matters referred to in the Ohio Revised Code shall be published. Additionally, real time notices, advertisements, and relevant updates on court operations will be posted on the Court's website (<https://juvenile-court.org>).

#### **RULE 20. Exhibits and Evidence**

- A. All exhibits must be marked and identified if referenced on the record. Once marked, all exhibits will be maintained in the sole possession of the Court until the conclusion of the case, including time for appeal, unless the Court otherwise orders return of the exhibit. Upon the conclusion of the case including time for appeal, the Court may dispose of exhibits pursuant to law and at such time as it deems feasible following notice to proponent, victim, or owner
- B. When evidence requires the use of other devices to be seen or heard, the proponent of the evidence bears the responsibility for producing such equipment or device at the hearing.
- C. Exhibits and evidence are to be introduced on the record and handed to the Magistrate hearing the case in court. Exceptions may be made for remote hearings, with approval from the bench. Child support case managers accept exhibits to accommodate the unique nature of that docket.
- D. Any party who wants to submit a video or audio file as evidence must give the Court and the opposing party the video or audio a copy. Any files that are admitted as evidence must be placed on a thumb drive and given to the Court. For pro se litigants, the Court will provide a thumb drive for its copy.

The file must be a file type that can open on the Court's computer, or the party can bring their own computer to play it. The Court's computers can play MPEG and AVI video files; .wav, mp3, .wma, audio files; and some others. Parties cannot use their phones or

tablets to play the video or audio.

Parties can use the same thumb drive for all of the video and/or audio files for the case, but no other files can be on the drive. If anyone is unsure if their file will play on the Court's computer, they should come early to Court, or visit the Help Center, to test the file before the Court hearing.