

Plaintiff	:	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LUZERNE COUNTY
V.	:	CIVIL ACTION - LAW IN DIVORCE/CUSTODY
Defendant	:	NO.

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ORDER APPOINTING DIVORCE MASTER

AND NOW, this _____ day of _____, 20____, upon consideration of the attached Motion for the Appointment of the Master in Divorce, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECREED** that Susan A. Maza, Esquire is appointed as Special Master in the above-captioned matter with respect to the following claims:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce | <input type="checkbox"/> Counsel Fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annulment | <input type="checkbox"/> Costs and Expenses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alimony | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution of Property |

The Master’s Hearing shall be conducted pursuant to Pa. R.C.P. No. 1920.53 and 1920.54. The Master’s Report shall be in accordance with Pa. R.C.P. No. 1920.55-2.

Simultaneously with the filing of the Motion for Appointment of a Master in Divorce an administrative fee of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) shall be paid to the Office of Judicial Services and Records (Prothonotary) by the moving party. Within twenty (20) days of service of the Motion for Appointment of a Master in Divorce, the responding party shall pay an administrative fee of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) to the Office of Judicial Services and Records (Prothonotary).

The Master in Divorce may allocate the administrative fees charged herein as part of the recommendations of the Master’s Report between the parties as may be fair and equitable by giving credit/deduction to the fees as part of the equitable distribution of marital property.

In the event a party fails to pay the required fee, that party shall be subject to the contempt powers of the Court and the payment of any additional expenses and costs, including attorney fees of the opposing party necessary for the enforcement of this requirement within the discretion of the Court.

In the event one party pays both administrative fees, he or she shall be awarded a four hundred dollar (\$400.00) credit as part of the final equitable distribution of marital property.

In the event that a party is indigent, and unable to pay the administrative fee, he or she may petition the Court for *in forma pauperis* (IFP) status to waive the fee pursuant to Pa. R.C.P. 240. If the party is represented by an attorney, that attorney shall file a certification that he or she is providing free legal services to that party as part of the IFP petition. If one party is indigent, the Court may allocate both fees to the non-indigent party. If both parties are indigent, neither party shall be responsible for the fee.

Simultaneously with the execution of this Order, the moving party shall deliver a time stamped copy of this Order and the Motion for the Appointment of the Master in Divorce to the Family Court filing office located on the 3rd floor of the Judge Bernard C. Brominski Building, 113 West North Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

COMPLIANCE HEREWITH IS DIRECTED.

BY THE COURT:

_____, J.
Judge Jennifer L. Rogers