

POST JUDGMENT CUSTODY MOTIONS

If the moving party is represented:

- Motion and praecipe to be filed before the assigned judge for a threshold hearing

If the moving party is unrepresented:

- Motion to be heard before the referee.
- If the moving party retains an attorney prior to the referee hearing, the referee hearing will be adjourned and the attorney will need to praecipe the motion before the Judge.
- If the moving party retains an attorney after the referee hearing and a recommended order has been issued, then it will continue to pend under the 21 days.

If the referee finds the in pro per moving party has met the threshold on custody:

- The Friend of Court will draft under 21 days an order for proper cause or change of circumstance to revisit the issue of custody and the matter is to be scheduled before the Judge for a pre-trial conference. The referee may include in the threshold order that the parties will participate in mediation, if appropriate.
- If an objection is filed, party will have a de novo hearing on threshold.
- If no objection filed, the matter will be scheduled before the Judge.