

Chapter 39 Quick Reference Guide for Family Law Attorney's Practicing in the UFC Division Handling Dependency Petitions

Removal / Shelter / Detention Hearing

(Within 24 hrs of removal of children)

This is a probable cause hearing



Arraignment / Sounding Hearing

(Within 28 days of shelter or private petition being filed)

(Parents are informed of formal charges filed against them)



If admit / plea to charges

If deny charges

Disposition Hearing

(within 15 days of plea to determine where kids will be placed while parents receive services)

Adjudication Hearing / Trial / Trial Commencement

(30 days from arraignment)



Case Plan Hearing

(within 30 days of plea or adjudicatory order)

Disposition Hearing

(within 15 days of adjudicatory order)



Judicial Review Hearing

(Mandatory every 6 months)



Permanency Hearing

(Goal is for kids to be back with parent within 12 months)



Termination of Supervision Hearing

Note: Mediation is available.