

# WAYNE COUNTY PROBATE COURT

## MEMORANDUM

TO: ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING RESPONDENTS IN WAYNE COUNTY  
FROM: WAYNE COUNTY PROBATE COURT

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The [Mental Health Code](#) mandates you must confer with your client in person at least 24 hours prior to the hearing.

This court requires that all attorneys adhere to the following guidelines:

1. After conferring with your client and before leaving the facility, please share with the hospital completed copies of the various forms indicating your client's decision to defer the hearing, waive their appearance and stipulate to the allegations of the petition, or attend the hearing.
2. Also, please let the hospital know if the patient refuses to talk with you – i.e., if they refuse to cooperate or sign any forms.

If you are unable to participate in the deferral conference, please notify the hospital 24 hours prior to the scheduled conference time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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