
Lewis County Superior Court

LMPSR 5.1
FAILURE TO COMPLY/SANCTIONS

Willful failure to participate or willful delay in completion of a parenting seminar by any party may constitute contempt of Court and result in sanctions, including, but not limited to, imposition of monetary terms, striking of pleadings, or denial of affirmative relief to a party not in compliance with these rules. Nonparticipation or default by one party does not excuse participation by any other party. Refusal, delay or default by a Respondent will not delay the action. Petitioner's refusal or delay shall prevent the case from being set for trial or the entry of any final order concerning a parenting/residential plan or custody order, except in cases where there is a co-petitioner or counter petitioner who is in full compliance. Other than one motion made by either party for temporary orders that is filed within sixty (60) days of the filing of a petition requesting a parenting plan, residential plan or custody order, neither Petitioner nor Respondent shall be allowed to continue to seek affirmative relief in the pending action or any subsequent action between the same parties until the seminar has been successfully completed and a copy of the attendance certificate is filed with the Clerk of the Court. Agreement by the parties as to a final order on a parenting plan, residential plan, or custody order shall not excuse participation in the seminars by both parties. The Court may waive the seminar requirement for good cause shown.

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