



REASONS FOR ADJOURNMENT

- **Adjourned** | The court scheduled a follow-up appearance. *Reasons for adjournment include:*
 - **For service:** where service of initial papers in the case, including summons/petition (“service of process”) has yet to be accomplished, the case can be postponed for more time to do so.
 - **To obtain an attorney/assign AFC:** the case can be postponed where a party aims to retain legal counsel or an Attorney for the Child (“AFC”) needs to be assigned in a custody case and meet with the client.
 - **To return with evidence:** the case can be postponed so that a party can return to court with financial evidence or for a court-ordered investigation (“COI”)/forensic report in a custody case to be completed or for the Attorney for the Child to meet with the child.
 - **For trial or settlement:** the case can be postponed because the court/parties need to schedule a trial date(s) or because the parties need time to prepare/submit a stipulation of settlement.
 - **For nonappearance of party/counsel:** the case can be postponed because a participant in the case – either a litigant, lawyer, or judge – did not appear.
 - **For resolution on another issue:** the case can be postponed for resolution of another issue, e.g., establishment of parentage, decision in Supreme Court, etc.
 - **Administrative adjournment:** the case can be postponed by the court for scheduling or other operational reasons on the court’s part.
 - **Timing issue:** the case can be postponed because the court ran out of time or the parent(s) had to leave before the case was called.