

## Court Observation Information

### Location:

197 Carl Griffin Dr, Savannah, GA 31405

### Sign Up Sheet:

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### **Courtroom Etiquette**

- Arrive to court at least 10-15 minutes early.
- When the judge asks for your name, say your name and “CASA in training”
- Make sure your phone/other electronics are on silent
- Wear business casual attire - NO Jeans

If you are late and the hearing has already begun, do not attempt to join. Ensure that you do not disrupt the meeting, as you are there only to observe. These hearings are official legal proceedings, and it is a privilege to attend. Please honor the above requests from our judges.

### **Family Treatment Court (FTC)**

Meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Susan Ryncavage ([susan@savannahcasa.org](mailto:susan@savannahcasa.org)) is the point of contact for FTC hearings that are available for observation.

Only half (5) of your court observation hours may come from FTC. Family Treatment Court is a special accountability court and is not representative of dependency court in general.

### **Preliminary Protective Hearings (PPH)**

PPHs occur on Mondays and Thursdays sporadically as needed. Mandy Roberts ([mandy@savannahcasa.org](mailto:mandy@savannahcasa.org)) will send email notification of any PPHs that are available for observation.

### **Note Taking- Reporting In forms**

Take effective notes by completing the Reporting In forms included in your training manual. Any notes you take are confidential and must be protected as such. You will submit your Reporting In Forms as proof that you've completed court observations.

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