

# Mandamus: A Look Behind the Curtain

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**A MANDAMUS IS FILED . . .**

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## **REVIEW BY MANDAMUS ATTORNEY**

Does it require expedited review?

- Relief needed within 6 weeks
- Accompanied by motion for temporary relief
- Child-custody issue

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## **REVIEW BY MANDAMUS ATTORNEY**

- If not expedited, MA circulates the mandamus petition in the ordinary course
- If expedited, it stays with the MA
  - Notice of filing/incoming
  - Request response to motion? (one vote)
  - Presents to Court (usually email)

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# MEMO TO THE COURT

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Executive summary

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Recommendation with brief explanation

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“Deadline” to vote

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Background

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Arguments

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Analysis

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Parties and counsel

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TC and CA

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## COLLECTING VOTES

Memo “deadline”

5 votes to act (1 to request response)

Email updates

Interim discussion

Final email

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