**5.81 Custody/Visitation Cases Court Language**

**Petitions**

Petitions for Custody and Visitation were filed by **[INSERT PETITIONER AND RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD]** regarding **[INSERT NAME OF CHILD].**

*Examples*

* Petitions for Custody and Visitation were filed by Tiffany Johnson, mother, regarding Braden Johnson.
* Petitions for Custody and Visitation were filed by Matilda Blake, maternal grandmother, regarding Braden Johnson.

**Motion to Amend or Review Order**

A Motion to Amend or Review Order was filed by **[INSERT NAME/RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD],** stating, **“[INSERT REASON FOR REQUEST.]”**

*Example*

* A Motion to Amend or Review Order was filed by Michael Johnson, father, requesting custody of his child, stating, “Mother was arrested for marijuana use and is homeless.”

**Miscellaneous Motion**

A Miscellaneous Motion was filed by **[INSERT NAME/RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD]** requesting **[INSERT REQUEST].**

The Court responded: **[INSERT HANDWRITTEN RESPONSE AT BOTTOM OF PAGE]**

*Examples*

* A Miscellaneous Motion was filed by Chris Pace, Guardian *ad litem*, requesting an Emergency Hearing due to concerns for the child’s safety.
  + The Court responded: Emergency Hearing Request approved. Clerk to set date.
* A Miscellaneous Motion was filed by Chris Pace, Guardian *ad litem*, requesting that Henrico Department of Social Services be placed on notice for a Foster Care Prevention Assessment.
  + The Court responded: Appoint DSS for Foster Care Prevention Assessment.

**Orders**

The Court ordered:

* **[INSERT EACH SENTENCE OF THE COURT’S ORDER WITH BULLET POINTS].**

*Example*

The Court ordered:

* The Court appoints Chris Pace as GAL for the child.
* All parties are ordered to sign all releases for the GAL.
* The Court grants temporary physical custody to Michael Johnson, father.
* Liberal and reasonable visitation to the mother.
* The GAL has the authority to establish or adjust a Parenting time schedule as they deem appropriate.