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**RULE 2.570. PARENTAL LEAVE**

A motion for continuance based on parental leave of the lead attorney in the case must be granted if made within a reasonable time after learning the basis for the continuance unless substantial prejudice to the opposing party is shown. Three months is the presumptive length of a continuance granted for parental leave absent good cause for a longer time. If the court denies the requested continuance, the court must state on the record the specific grounds for denial. If the motion for continuance is challenged by an opposing party proffering a basis for a claim of substantial prejudice, the attorney seeking the continuance has have the burden of demonstrating the lack of substantial prejudice to the opposing party.

**Committee Notes**

**20__ Adoption.** The profession is committed to parental leave and to the importance for attorneys to be able to balance work and family. This rule provides a strong presumption that a continuance for parental leave, generally not exceeding three months, will be granted when the request for relief is made within a reasonable time after the basis for continuance is reasonably discernible. However, a continuance may be denied in a case where there would be substantial prejudice to an opposing party, an emergency or time sensitive matter would be unreasonably delayed, or if many continuances have already been granted and the substantial rights of the parties may be affected.