

At one of our recent meetings, the Committee thought it would be a great idea to investigate whether accommodations are available in the area courthouses for nursing moms who need to pump during the course of the day. Our inquiry began with the federal and state courts throughout the 8 counties of Western New York. During the course of this inquiry, we discovered that most courts are quite accommodating or will make accommodations for “pumping” moms. Below is the list we have compiled of courts and the specifics on who to contact if you need to make arrangements. We hope it can be used as a quick point of reference for attorneys who may need these accommodations.

As a follow-up in future articles, the committee will be making the same inquiry of the Town and Village Courts and agencies where attorneys appear. If you could assist in compiling a list of agency locations where attorneys appear, please send your idea or recommendation by email to Kelly Gotham at kgotham@nycourts.gov.

Lactation Room/Accommodation List:

- I. Erie County
 - A. United States District Court – No information available
 - B. United State Bankruptcy Court – No information available
 - C. Erie County & Supreme Courts – No designated area; Private office space available; see courtroom clerk or contact Billie Jo Zakia
 - D. Erie County Family Court – Designated area in Children’s Center for public; Private/Secure office space available upon request for attorneys- Contact Lisa Virgilio, Deputy Chief Clerk
 - E. Buffalo City Court – Looking for available space; in the meantime, can use Judge Eagan’s jury room, Room 650; See Lydia Soto, Judge Eagan’s secretary, for access to jury room
 - F. Tonawanda City Court – Contact Mayor’s Office Secretary; Small Conference Room on Lower Level available for use with prior arrangement & availability
 - G. Lackawanna City Court – No designated room; Accommodations can be made available by speaking to the Chief Clerk
- II. Niagara County
 - A. Niagara Supreme Court – Niagara Falls – No designated area; Private office space available upon request to chief clerk Michael Veruto
 - B. Niagara Supreme/County/Family Court – Lockport – No designated area; Private office space available upon request to chief clerk Michael Veruto
 - C. Niagara Falls City Court- No designated area; Private office space available upon request to Chief Clerk Maureen Hourihan
 - D. North Tonawanda City Court – No designated area, but accommodations can be made; See Chief Clerk Jennifer Steele
 - E. Lockport City Court – No designated area; Accommodations can be made; Check with Chief Clerk Colleen Wagner
- III. Chautauqua County
 - A. County/Supreme Court – No Designated room, but will make accommodations; Contact chief clerk Kathy Krauza

- B. Family Court – No Designated room, but can make accommodations upon request to David Travis at 753-4100
 - C. Dunkirk City Court – No information available
 - D. Jamestown City Court – No designated area; Accommodations can be made available; Contact Chief Clerk Lisa Meacham
- IV. Cattaraugus County
 - A. County Courthouse – Olean – See WIC Dept. for accommodations/multiple designated spaces available; Contact Allie Maloney, Breastfeeding Coordinator
 - B. County Courthouse – Little Valley – No designated space, but accommodations can be made upon request to Verna Dry, Chief Clerk
 - C. Olean City Court - No designated space, but accommodations can be made. Contact Heather Marcellin to make arrangements.
 - D. Salamanca City Court – No information available
- V. Genesee County
 - A. Genesee County Courts Facility – No Designated area; Multiple attorney conference rooms available upon request on most floors, see Chief Clerk of court in which you are appearing
- VI. Wyoming County
 - A. County Courthouse – No designated place, arrangements available, no prior notice necessary; any court staff should be able to assist
- VII. Allegany County
 - A. Courthouse serving County, Family, Supreme & Surrogates – No designated area, but accommodations can be made; See security personnel or the chief clerk of the court appearing in
- VIII. Orleans County
 - A. County Courthouse – No designated space; A multi-purpose conference room can be used upon request; Contact Kristin Nicholson (Chief Clerk) or Joyce McNutt (Commissioner of Jurors) for assistance