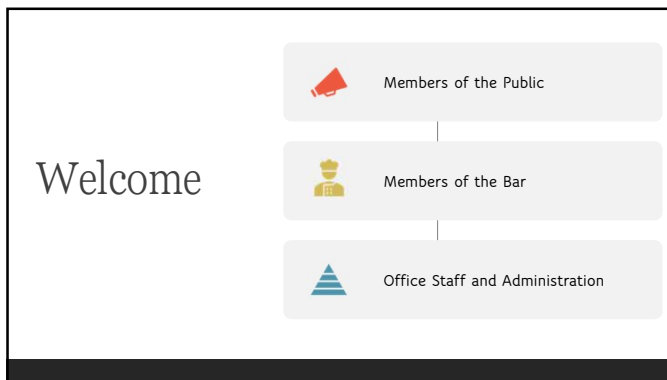
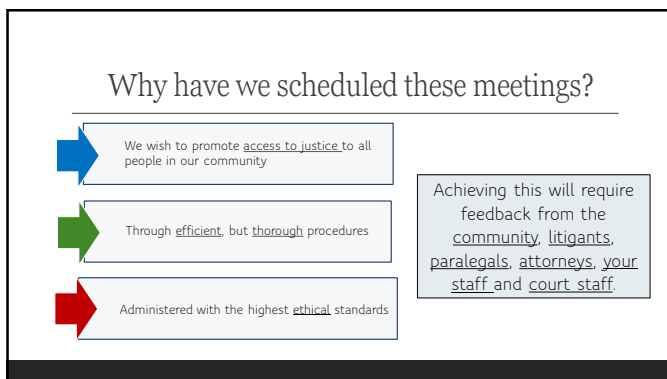




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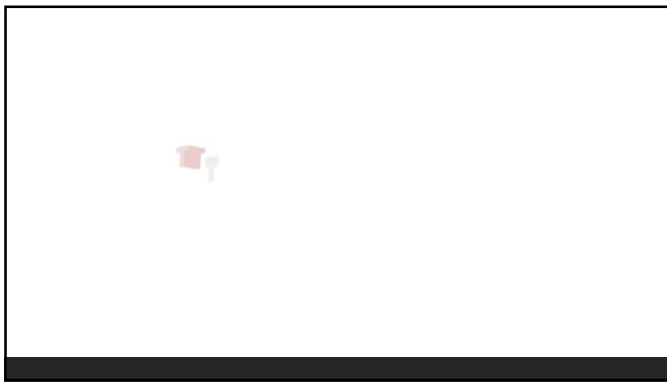
DV 5th Amendment Continuances (MGG)

Exhibits (KRM)

Answer submitted questions, Q&A with bench

Plan for today:

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You are settling cases and we are using that free time for other matters.

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Judge Erin M. Childs - Dept. 7				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:30	Special Sets	Special Sets	Special Sets	Special Sets
9:00	Non-Appearance Status Conference Clerk set 2 nd Court Set 4 th Monday & Trials	Trials	RFO Calendar	Trials
				Judge Sets Only
9:45	Ex Parties	Ex Parties	Ex Parties	Ex Parties
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trials	Trials	Trials	Trials
				Noon Recess Judge Sets Only

Commissioner Kenneth McDaniel - Dept. 11

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Special Sets	Special Sets	Special Sets	Special Sets	Special Sets
9:00	Trials	RFO Calendar	DV Calendar Trials	Trials	Trials
9:45	Ex Parties	Ex Parties	Ex Parties	Ex Parties	Ex Parties
10:30				Family Support Calendar	
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trials		Readiness/Trials Setting Conference	Family Support Calendar Trials/ Status Conference 2 nd Thursday	DARR

Judge Matthew Guerrero - Paso Robles - Dept. PI

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Review Hearings	DV Calendar	Review Hearings Status Conference 1 st Wrd. Court let 3 rd Wrd. Clerk set	REFO Calendar	DARK
9:00	Trial/Mediation	Trial/Mediation	Trial Mediation		DARK
9:45	Ex Parties	Ex Parties	Ex Parties		DARK Ex Parties only
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial/Hearings	DV Calendar Overlaps Trials/Hearings	DARK	Trial/Hearings	DARK

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“Can the court remind us on how to label our exhibits.... Can the court align on how they want exhibits to be labeled?”

See: Family Law Policies and Procedures Manual, 2:10.1(2)(a)&(b)



- **Petitioner: “P”**
- **Respondent: “R”**
- **Minor’s Counsel: “MC”**
- **Claimant: “C”**

- **P001, P002, P003, etc.**
- **R001, R002, R003, etc.**
- **MC001, MC002, MC003, etc.**
- **C001, C002, C003, etc.**

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Exhibits – Commissioner McDaniel

- Provide Exhibit Binders
 - Exhibit List
 - e-mail editable Word version to Courtroom Clerk
 - Tab identifying each exhibit by number
- All exhibits must begin with “1”
 - E.g. 001, 101, 201, etc.
- Evidentiary Hearing or Trial is separate from exhibit numbers from pleadings
- Exhibit Labels
 - Pre-labeling is welcome, but do not use white labels.



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Each individual video or audio file to have its own flash drive, separately marked, and placed into separately marked folder

- i.e. “Exhibit R-124 Video of Respondent during 12/12/22 incident”
- Identify the file name on flash drive during introduction into evidence

Label the video or audio file as a separate exhibit than transcription

Provide some medium to play the video or audio file

- Zoom, iPad, laptop, etc.



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- “Exhibits comprised of several pages of financial data must have a summary page that explains what is hoped to be proved by the exhibit.”
 - When seeking to introduce hundreds of pages of documents to provide completeness of record, limit the documents to be admitted to the relevant pages.
- “(b) The parties must stipulate to the foundation for business records of health care providers, financial institutions, school records and expert reports unless there is a valid reason to question their authenticity.”

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1. Is there specific language desired in an MSA when spousal support is being terminated in a long-term marriage?
2. When can we expect to have in writing what the court pays for in relation to minor's counsel fees? Santa Maria MC attorneys are billing our clients for staff time and other costs. It was our impression that this was not permitted. Does it make a difference if they are private pay?
3. What is the Bench's position on whether an attorney in the firm can do the bulk of the minor's counsel work when another attorney was appointed?
4. The court still has not calibrated their MC appointment process... When can we expect that to happen?
5. Where does the Bench stand of zoom appearances for trial?
6. What can we expect on RFO days? Are they for argument? Should we subpoena witnesses like some attorneys do?

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Is there specific language desired in an MSA when spousal support is being terminated in a long-term marriage?

Not for us to determine at this point.

There are some good treatises out there that have sample language.

SRL v. Atty and LTM

SRL v. SRL and LTM

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When can we expect to have in writing what the court pays for in relation to minor's counsel fees?

Santa Maria MC attorneys are billing our clients for staff time and other costs. It was our impression that this was not permitted.

Does it make a difference if they are private pay?

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What is the Bench's position on whether an attorney in the firm can do the bulk of the minor's counsel work when another attorney was appointed?

- We appoint who we appoint expecting they are the attorney doing the work.
- But we can't control what happens in their offices.
- Voice your objection to MC at time of appointment.

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Where does the Bench stand of zoom appearances for trial?

Zoom trials work for some cases and not for others.

Analyzed on a case-by-case basis.

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What can we expect on RFO days? Are they for argument? Should we subpoena witnesses like some attorneys do?

- Large calendars.
- Little to no time for argument.
- No time for testimony or witnesses.

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Would you consider issuing indicated rulings to expedite and streamline RFO's like they do in Civil court?

- Research attorneys research and write the indicated rulings in Civil.
- Family Law does not get access to research attorneys.
- We do all of our own research and writing.
- Time-consuming with high-volume caseload.
- Difficult for SRL's.

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Wi-Fi network: SLO-GUEST (all caps)
 Password: whyR1ess (wireless)

Reminder

The Wi-Fi connection is HORRIBLE in the courthouse!

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Q & A:
 Judge Guerrero
 moderating

*PLEASE NO CASE-SPECIFIC
 QUESTIONS.*

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Thank you for being here today!



Now go forth and be awesome.

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