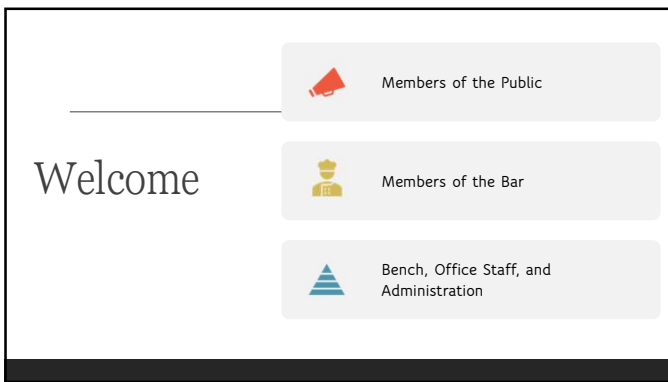
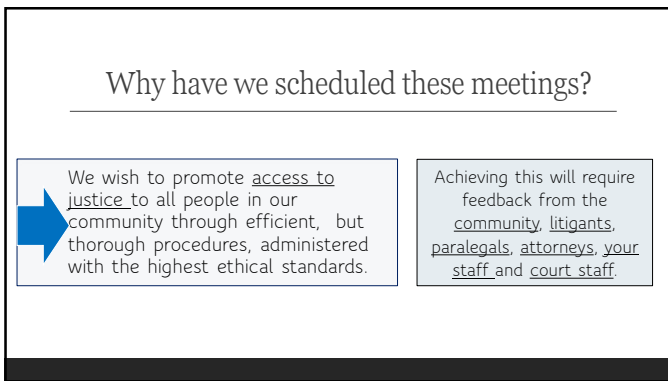




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Courtroom Calendars

Updating the Local Rules of Court

Judgment Backlog/Processing

Miscellaneous Items

Your written questions

Plan for today:

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Status of trial backlog

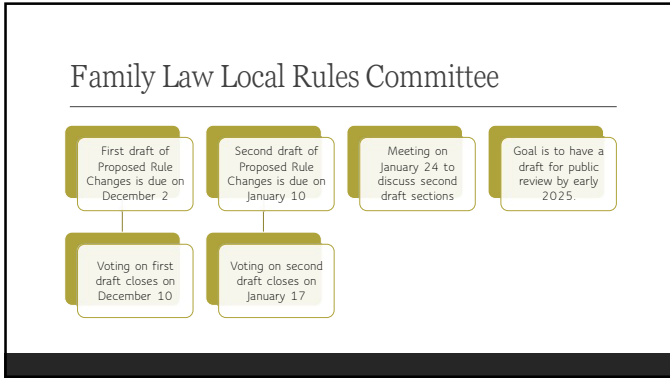
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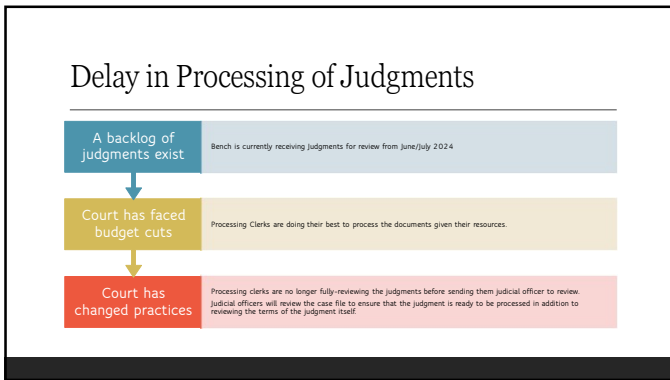
Department 11 Calendaring

Department 11's calendar is highly affected by DV hearings, which are set in a shorter period. Department 11 is reserving calendar dates for DV matters such that trial dates will be set further out, but they are less likely to be continued due to being double-set.

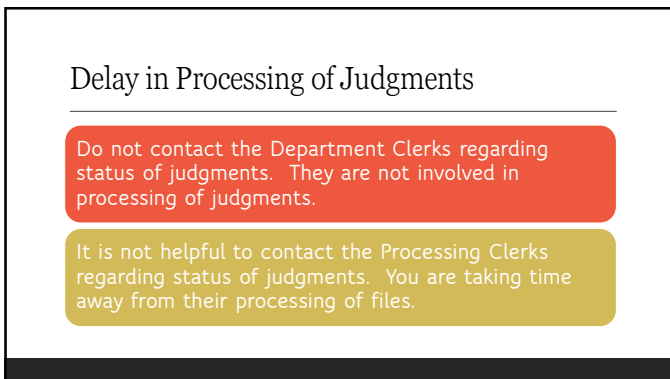
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No Remote Court Reporting

Government Code § 69959 [Effective January 1, 2023]

- (a) Remote court reporting shall not be used by courts to make the record of any court proceedings, and courts shall not expend any funds to purchase equipment or software to facilitate the use of remote court reporting.
- (b) "Remote court reporting" means the use of a stenographic reporter who is not present in the courtroom to produce a verbatim record of court proceedings that are transmitted by audiovisual means to the reporter.



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OurFamilyWizard Fee Waiver & Video/Audio Calls



"Any parent who is represented pro-bono, on any type of government assistance, or has been deemed indigent by the courts is entitled to a free account, no questions asked!"



"In addition to receiving access to all the standard OFW features parents and courts rely on, families enrolled in the fee waiver program will receive unlimited voice and video calling minutes. This allows parents to stay connected to their children in a safe and documented setting, no matter their financial standing."

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2025 Goal: Increase Access to Therapy for Families in Litigation

- Few therapists are willing and/or available to provide counseling to families in litigation.


- Families in litigation are in critical need of access to competent therapists to assist them.

- Family Law Bench is looking at options early-to-mid 2025 to meet with the Bar, FCS, family and child therapists, and the public on ways to increase the number of competent therapists who are willing to provide services to families in litigation and provide information to litigants about resources for therapy.

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"My understanding is if a request for a DVRO is filed after 2 p.m. on a given day, it will be considered the following day. Is that correct? I have been asked by the clerk's office to delay filing a DVRO request until a case number is assigned to a Petition for Dissolution, which can take 24 hours. Since there is already a built-in delay based on the above, should such a request be made by the clerk's office? "

Any Request for DVRO received after 2:00 PM will be reviewed by the judicial officer the following business day. If you file a Request for DVRO together with a Petition, then both will be filed under the same case number. While the DVRO will be given priority in processing, there may be some delay as to the processing of the Petition due to the backlog of documents.



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What costs for county-pay minor's counsel cases need to be approved in advance? (for example, witness fees, fees for subpoenaed records, costs required by CWS, payments required by health care professionals for consultation with minors' counsel, deposition costs, transcript costs, etc) and what is the procedure for requesting them (which recognizes the additional cost to all if an RFO to get the cost approved needs to be filed)? Is there a set dollar amount above which minors' counsel should request permission to incur the cost?

Costs:

- All of them – no matter what the dollar amount.
- Ask on the record at the first appearance after appointment if you can.
- No need for an RFO, but not sure at this time what vehicle to use.

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Thank you for being here today!



Now go forth and be awesome.

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