

Court Efficiency and Access to Justice

DECEMBER 19, 2025

Welcome



Members of the Public

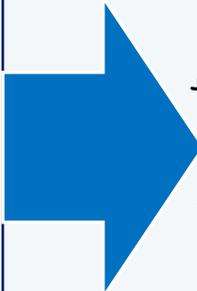


Members of the Bar



Office Staff and Administration

Why have we scheduled these meetings?



We wish to promote access to justice to all people in our community through efficient, but thorough procedures, administered with the highest ethical standards.

Achieving this will require feedback from the community, litigants, paralegals, attorneys, your staff and court staff.

Judicial Assignments & Departments

Department Calendars

Artificial Intelligence & Misuse

Legislative Update

Changes to California Rules of Court

Questions?

Plan for today:

Family Law Team Transition as of Jan. 1, 2026

Judge Duffy

- No change; assigned cases where KRM/JWH disqualified
- Remains in P1 with Ms. Subia as Clerk

Judge Childs

- Will move to criminal assignment
- Remain in D7 with Ms. Ramirez as Clerk

Comm'r. Martin

- Will sit in D11 with Ms. Miller as Clerk
- Will be assigned Judge Child's former FL cases

Judge McDaniel

- Will sit in D3 with Ms. Zanellato as Clerk
- Will keep any existing FL Cases

Thank you,
Judge Childs!



Paso Robles – Dept. P1 - Judge Jacquelyn H. Duffy

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30		DV Calendar	TSC/RC Calendar Status Conference 1 st Wed. Court set 3 rd Wed. Clerk set	RFO Calendar	
9:00	Trial				Trial/Hearings
9:45	Ex Partes (Limit 3)		Ex Partes (Limit 3)		Ex Partes (Limit 3)
11:00			Judgment Inquiry Calendar		
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Court Trials	DV Calendar overflow Trials/Hearings		Trials	Court Trials

Dept. 11 - Commissioner Joshua W. Martin

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fridays
8:30	TSC/RC Calendar	Special Sets	Special Sets	Family Support and Enforcement Calendar (DCSS/AB1058)	Special Sets
9:00	Trial	Trial	DV Calendar		Trial
9:45	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	RFO Calendar	Trial	Trial		<u>D11 DARK</u> Appellate Cal 1 st Friday of the month

Dept. 3 - Judge Kenneth R. McDaniel – Family Law Supervising Judge

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Special Set	Trial	Special Set	Trial	RC/TSC Calendar
9:00	RFO Calendar		Trial		
9:45	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial	Trial/ Status Conference-1 st Tuesday of the month	Trial	Trial	DARK

Status of trial
backlog for 2026

D3 - KRM

- ½ days in May/June
- Full-days are June/July

D11 - JWM

- ½ days & Full-days in February

P-1 - JHD

- ½ days are out May/June
- Full-days are May/June

Quick Points



JUDGMENT
PROCESSING



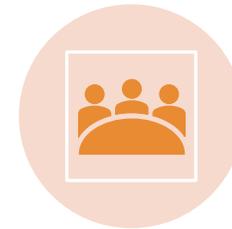
DCSS GUIDELINE CHILD
SUPPORT CALCULATOR
CERTIFICATION



MINOR COUNSEL
BILLING



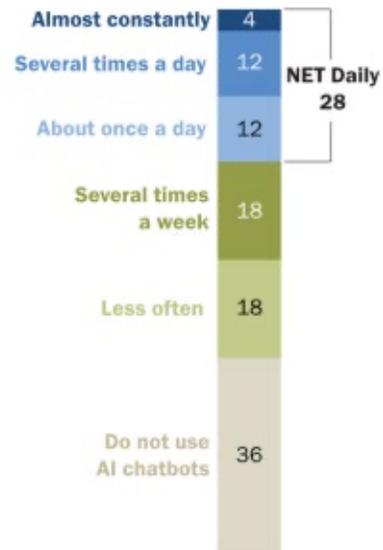
ORDERS SHORTENING
TIME



LOCAL RULES
COMMITTEE

About 3 in 10 teens say they use AI chatbots daily

% of U.S. teens ages 13 to 17 who say they use an artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot like ChatGPT, Copilot or Character.ai ...



Note: "Do not use AI chatbots" refers to those who say they do not use AI chatbots or have heard nothing about them. Those who did not give an answer are not shown.
Source: Survey conducted Sept. 25-Oct. 9, 2025.

"Teens, Social Media and AI Chatbots 2025"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Artificial Intelligence: It is Here and Helpful

AI is being used, especially by younger people

Being utilized in law practice: Westlaw Co-Counsel, Lexis-Nexis Lexis+ AI

Your coworkers and clients are likely utilizing it, even if you are not

Rule 1.1 of CA Rule of Professional Conduct require attorneys to "keep abreast of the changes [...] including the benefits and risks associated with relevant technology."

AI: It's Useful. Don't Misuse It.

Recent Appellate Cases re Misuse of AI:

- **Noland v Land of the Free, L.P.** (2025) 114 Cal.App.5th 426 (09/12 /25)
- **People v Alvarez** (2025) 114 Cal.App.5th 1115 (10/02/25)
- **Schlichter v. Kennedy** No. E083744, 2025 WL 3204, 738 (11/17/25)
- **Cnty. of Los Angeles v. Niblett**, No. B327744, 2025 WL 3295027 (11/26/25)
- **Shayan v. Shakib**, No. B337559, 2025 WL 3443282 (12/01/25)

AI "hallucinates" information

- AI more likely to give incorrect answer than admit it doesn't know something
- The "hallucinations" appear realistic

Noland v Land of the Free

- ""Simply state, no brief, pleading, motion, or any other paper filed in any court should contain any citation -- whether provided by generative AI or any other source -- that the attorney responsible for submitting the pleading has not personally read and verified."

"Practical Guidance for Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in the Practice of Law" from State Bar of California

- lawyer who uses these outputs as a "starting point" must "critically review, validate, and correct both the input and the output of generative AI" to, among other things, "detect[] and eliminat[e] . . . false AI-generated results."

2025 Family Law Legislative Update



SB 85 – Civil Actions: Service of Summons

Amends CCP §413.30

Effective 1/1/2026

Effective January 1, 2026, if a plaintiff, despite exercising reasonable diligence, is unable to effect service of the summons through traditional methods (such as personal delivery or mail), the court may, upon motion, authorize service of the summons by electronic means—such as email or other electronic technology—provided that the method is reasonably calculated to give actual notice to the defendant.

To establish reasonable diligence under this provision, the plaintiff must present specific facts detailing all attempts to serve the defendant using each method prescribed by statute. This includes demonstrating why each method was unsuccessful at every address or location where the defendant is likely to be found.

Yu v Pozniak-Rice (2025) 112 Cal.App.5th 1135

AB 747– Service of Process (SPARE)

Amends CCP § 415.20, 415.45, 417.10, 417.40, 473, 473.5, 585; adds CCP § 473.2

Effective 1/1/2027

- ❑ Defines “reasonable diligence,” as
 - ❑ attempting personal delivery, on at least 3 occasions on 3 different days at three different times
 - ❑ the proof of service shall contain information as specified, including efforts taken to locate the home address
- ❑ Requires the proof of service of a summons and complaint, to include at least one photograph of the site of the effectuated or attempted service and contain a readable stamp and (GPS) coordinates indicating the date, time, and location of service. Detailed statement if no GPS signal available.
- ❑ Authorizes a party to bring a motion to quash service or to set aside or vacate a default judgment that is void for lack of proper service at any time after entry of the judgment.
- ❑ Plaintiff has the burden of producing evidence and establishing by a preponderance of the evidence that service of the summons and complaint was effectuated.

AB 515 – Trial Statement of Decision

Amends CCP Section § 632, § 634

Effective 01/01/2027

- ❑ Requires a request for a statement of decision to be made in writing, or orally if there is a court report, before the matter is submitted for decision.
- ❑ Authorizes a court to issue a written statement of decision without a request from a party, and would authorize the court to order a party or parties to prepare a draft statement of decision.
- ❑ Reduces the time for a party to make objections to a statement of decision from 15 days to 10 days.
- ❑ Requires the Judicial Council to adopt a form that a party may use to request a statement of decision.
- ❑ Extends the time the court clerk has to enter the court's judgment to within 30 days after the filing of the court's decision or, if a statement of decision was requested, within 30 days after the statement of decision becomes final.
- ❑ For cases under the Family Code, the court may shorten the time frame with a written order and statement of good cause.

AB 711 - Civil Actions: Shorthand Reporter

Amends CCP Section § 2016.040

Effective 01/01/2026

“This bill requires a party to include, as part of its meet-and-confer declaration submitted in support of a discovery motion, whether the parties have met and conferred regarding the retention of a certified shorthand reporter for the hearing on the motion.”

AB 1297 - ATROs in Family Law Cases

Amends Fam.Code § 2040

Effective 01/01/2027

Adds to a temporary restraining order entered in a proceeding for nullification or dissolution of a marriage, or legal separation, a prohibition on allowing insurance coverage to lapse for nonpayment of premiums or failure to renew when the policy is for the benefit of parties to the marriage or minor children for whom support may be ordered.

SB 50 – Device Protection Requests in DVPA

Amends Fam.Code § 6320

Effective 01/01/2026

- ❑ Requires account managers of connected devices to provide a process for survivors or their representatives to terminate or disable perpetrators' access to such devices through a device protection request with specified documentation from survivors of covered acts, as defined. "Survivor" defined as someone who has had criminal acts perpetrated against them.
- ❑ Deems a perpetrator that maintains or exercises device or account access despite having their device or account access denied in violation of this provision.
- ❑ Amends the definition of "disturbing the peace of the other party" for purposes of securing a domestic violence protective order to include conduct committed through a connected device.

AB 343 – California Public Records Act: elected or appointed officials.

Modifies Gov.Code § 7920.500

Effective 01/01/2026

CPRA prohibits government agencies from publicly posting and selling home addresses and phone numbers of certain government officials, which now includes retired judges, retired commissioners, and court-appointed counsel in family law or dependency proceedings.

AB 1375 – Consideration when determining child custody: human trafficking

Modifies Fam.Code § 3040.5

Effective 01/01/2026

Requires the court, when making a determination of the best interests of a child in a child custody matter, to consider any relevant, admissible evidence that a parent has caused human trafficking of the child or other parent.

SB 54 - Court Fee Waivers: Veterans

Modifies Gov.Code § 68632

Effective 01/01/2026

Excludes certain forms of veterans benefits from a person's income for the purposes of determining whether the person qualifies for a court fee waiver.

AB 1363: - Protective orders: Wyland's Law

Adds Fam.Code § 6380.5

Effective 01/01/2026

Authorizes the Department of Justice to establish an automated protected person information and notification system to provide a protected person with automated access to information maintained in the California Restraining and Protective Order System, which shall include the following:

1. Whether the department has received a record of the protective order.
2. If the protective order has been successfully served on the restrained person.
3. If the restrained person has violated the protective order by attempting to purchase or acquire a firearm or ammunition while the order is in effect.

SB 450 – Adoption

Adds Fam.Code § 8626; Amends
Fam.Code § § 8807 & 9210

Effective 01/01/2026

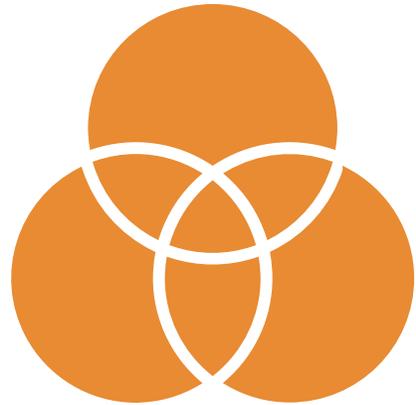
- ❑ Clarifies that California state courts have jurisdiction over a proceeding for the adoption of a minor if the minor was born in this state and either of the following applies:
 - ❑ A proceeding to free the minor from the custody and control of one or both parents is not required to make the minor available for adoption, or
 - ❑ the proceeding to free the minor from the custody and control of one or both parents to make the minor available for adoption is being brought in this state.
- ❑ Requires an adoption order to include the names of the adoptive parent(s) and any existing parent who will maintain their parental rights after the finalization of the adoption.
- ❑ Clarifies that a failure to include an existing parent or parents on the adoption shall not be construed to terminate the parental rights

AB 1134 – Coerced Marriage

Amends Fam.Code § 2211

Effective 01/01/2027

- Allows a court to grant permission for annulment petitions filed beyond the current statutory limit if the party's consent was obtained by force and the court finds good cause to grant the nullity.
- Amends statute to be gender-neutral and applies regardless of the age of the victim of a forced marriage.



California Rules of Court

CHANGES IN RULES EFFECTIVE 01/01/2026

Rule 5.252. Guidelines for developing parenting plans and issuing court orders involving virtual visitation

- ❑ Virtual Visitation is as defined in Fam.Code §3100(f)
- ❑ Requires court to consider “evidence of”:
 - ❑ Potential Safety Concerns, especially involving DV or where party living in a confidential shelter
 - ❑ Access to firearms or ammunition
 - ❑ Information provided by Minor’s Counsel, Child custody recommending counselor, mediator, or “other person legally authorized to represent the child.”
 - ❑ The child age and capacity to engage in virtual visitation and their ability to access the technology;
 - ❑ Any other factors.

Rule 5.551 – 5.553. Confidentiality of Juvenile Court Records

- ❑ Differentiates access to living child's dependency/any child's delinquency court records and deceased child's dependency
- ❑ "and the information from the file may not be disclosed by testimony without a juvenile court order."

Standard 5.20. Standards of Practice for Providers of Supervised Visitation & Exchange Services

- ❑ Includes standards for supervised virtual visitation services
- ❑ Virtual Visitation Supervisor must consider
 - ❑ Safety of parties and if the matter involves DV or sexual abuse, including whether location of child or party should remain private
 - ❑ Conducting visit in age and developmentally appropriate manner
 - ❑ Needs of the party to ensure safety, including access to technology and internet
- ❑ Applies visitation standards to exchange services



If you are on hold for over 15 minutes, the recording asks you to call back, and it then hangs up on you. Can the system be changed to allow callers to stay on hold until the call is answered?

EXPECT THE 15-MINUTE WAIT LIMIT FOR CALLS WILL BE REMOVED SOMETIME NEXT WEEK

The Court website states the phones are answered Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. However, if you call between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., you get a message that you have called outside of hours and to call back. Can either the website be updated, or can the phones ring through during that time?

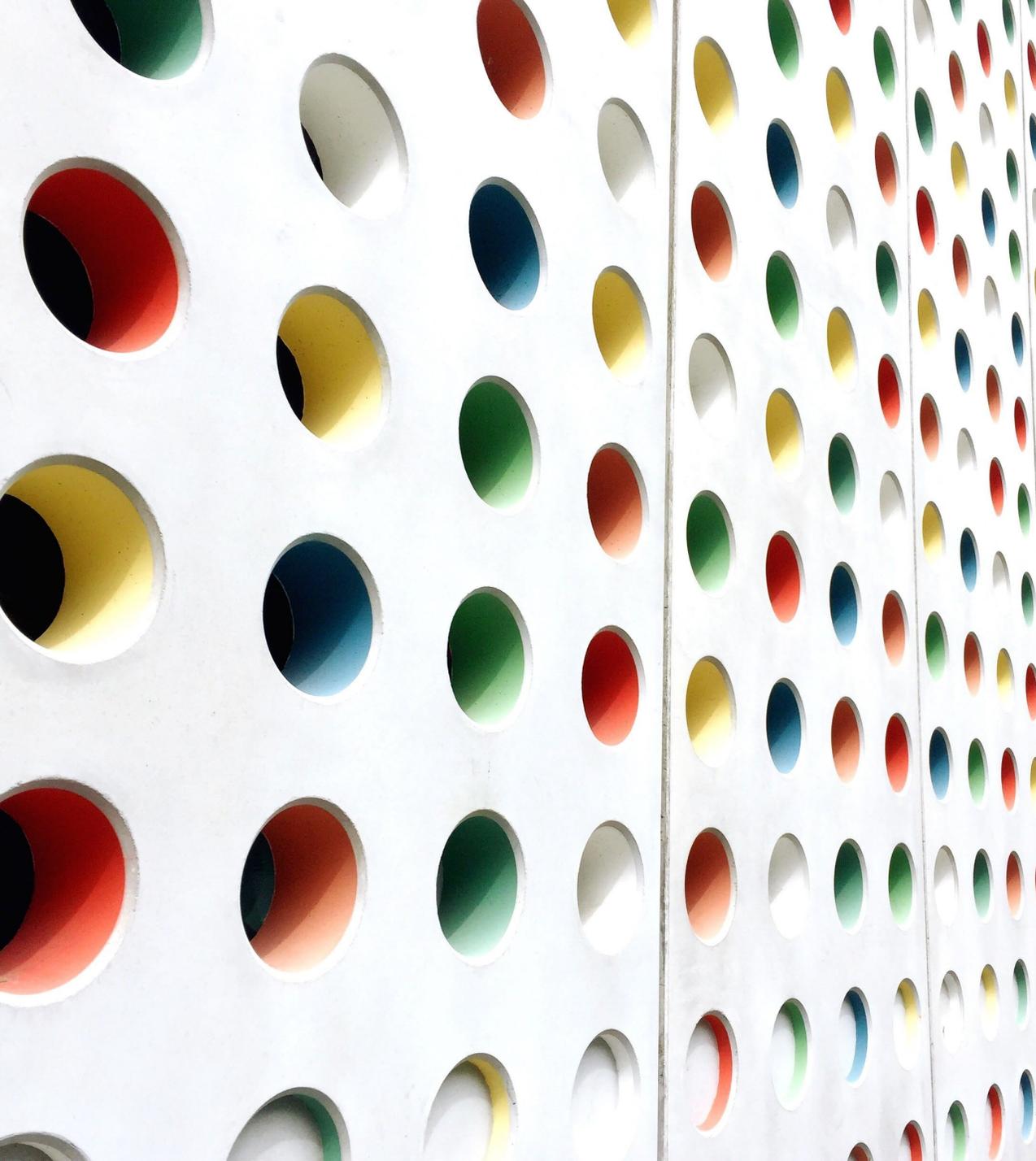
WEBSITE WILL BE
UPDATED TO
REFLECT THAT
HOURS OF
OPERATION FOR
PHONES ARE FRIDAY
- MONDAY, 9AM TO
12PM.

Are the Standing Orders dated 11/3/23 on the website for Family Law still the current Family Law Standing Orders for all Family Law courtrooms in SLO and Paso? Should we anticipate updated Standing Orders in 2026 given changes in Judicial assignments?

CURRENT STANDING
ORDERS WILL
CONTINUE.

Quickbooks is being phased out and businesses are using QuickBooks online. The court's orders regarding access to Quickbooks aren't considering the new realities of Quickbooks Online, where there different access types that can be granted and where access can be removed or changed by the in-spouse. Will the court make clear procedures regarding the out-spouse's access to QuickBooks Online Accounts?

PROPOSE LANGUAGE
YOU NEED AND THE
REASONS WHY IN
YOUR REQUESTED
ORDER.



Q & A

*PLEASE, NO CASE-SPECIFIC
QUESTIONS.*



Thank you for being here today!

NOW GO FORTH AND BE AWESOME.