



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF EL DORADO

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DATE: June 11, 2026  
JUDGE: Michael J. McLaughlin, Presiding Judge  
CLERK: Shawna Boley

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULES**

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Effective June 15, 2026, Local Rules 8.10.01, 8.10.02, and 8.10.06 of the El Dorado Superior Court are amended as follows:

**8.10.01 REFERRAL TO CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELING**

All contested child custody and visitation matters shall be referred to Child Custody Recommending Counseling (CCRC) by order of the Court pursuant to Family Code section 3175. If a CCRC report was issued within the preceding six (6) months of the filing of a request for order, a new CCRC session shall not be scheduled absent further order of the Court. In such cases, the parties shall appear on the scheduled hearing date for the matter.

**8.10.02 CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELING SCHEDULING; SANCTIONS FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND OR LATE CANCELLATION OF APPOINTMENT**

Effective for all CCRC referral orders issued on or after June 15, 2026, all CCRC appointments shall be conducted remotely.

When the Court orders the parties to participate in CCRC, the Court shall issue a referral order specifying the date and time of the CCRC appointment and the applicable deadlines for service, registration, completion of orientation, and submission of required documentation.

The requesting party shall serve the referral order, the CCRC Questionnaire, and any other documents required by the Court within the time prescribed by the referral order.

Each party shall comply with all requirements set forth in the referral order, including registration for the remote CCRC appointment, completion of required orientation, and submission of the CCRC Questionnaire.

Parties shall register for the remote CCRC appointment no earlier than (14) days before the scheduled appointment and no later than fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled appointment time.

Failure to register timely, submit required documents to the Court, complete the required orientation, or appear for the scheduled appointment may result in cancellation of the appointment and notification to the Court.

A party may request a separate CCRC session with the Child Custody Recommending Counselor (Recommending Counselor) at the time of the CCRC appointment. The Recommending Counselor shall determine whether separate sessions are appropriate.

The CCRC appointment is a court-ordered appearance. Failure to appear, failure to participate in good faith, or cancellation of an appointment with less than 48 hours' notice may result in sanctions or other orders deemed appropriate by the Court.

**8.10.06 PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN**

The Recommending Counselor shall have discretion to determine whether, and in what manner, to disclose the lack of confidentiality to the minor child(ren). The Recommending Counselor shall address the issue of confidentiality only upon specific inquiry by the child(ren).

- A. Children shall not to be present at a CCRC appointment unless ordered by the Court. The Court and/or the Recommending Counselor shall determine whether, and under what conditions, a minor child(ren) may be interviewed.
- B. Sibling interviews may be conducted jointly or separately at the discretion of the Recommending Counselor.
- C. Notwithstanding that CCRC appointments are conducted remotely, any interview of a child shall be conducted in person by the Recommending Counselor, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated: June 11, 2026



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MICHAEL J. MCLAUGHLIN  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California