

## SUMMARY OF JANUARY 2026 LOCAL RULE REVISIONS

### 7.08.00 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF FILINGS

- A. Use of Electronic Filing (eFiling) is mandatory in Adoptions, Civil, Family Law, Family Support, Probate, and Small Claims pursuant to Code of Civil Procedures section 1010.6(g) and CRC, rule 2.253(b) for all represented parties and justice partners. eFiling is not permitted in other case types. Self-represented parties, as defined in CRC, rule 2.250(b)(10), are exempt from mandatory eFiling.
- B. Any documents received electronically by the Court between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. on any court day, are deemed filed that same day. Any documents received electronically on a non-court day (i.e., weekend or holiday) are deemed filed on the next court day.
- C. Filings will not be accepted by this Court through any other electronic methods (i.e., email or fax).
- D. eFilings must be submitted through an authorized Electronic Filing Service Provider (EFSP). Each EFSP may charge a transaction fee. EFSP fees are waived for parties with an active fee waiver and government entities. A list of authorized EFSPs is maintained on the Court's website.
- E. Justice partners may eFile using an EFSP or court interface.
- F. Documents submitted through eFiling must be in PDF Format, text searchable, and viewable on any standard PDF viewer.
  - (1) All documents equal to or exceeding 10 pages and containing multiple exhibits or sections must be bookmarked with the title of the corresponding exhibit or section.
  - (2) All documents submitted electronically must include page numbers.
- G. The following documents are excluded from eFiling and must be submitted in paper format:
  - (1) Original will and codicil
  - (2) Bonds/undertaking
  - (3) Exhibits to be lodged for hearings or trials.
  - (4) Subpoenaed documents
  - (5) Copy requests

(6) CARE Act Filings

(7) Any document ordered by The Court to be submitted in paper format.

- H. Any attorney representing a party may request to be excused from mandatory eFiling and service by showing undue hardship or significant prejudice. An attorney requesting exemption shall file a Request for Exemption from Mandatory Electronic Filing and Service (Judicial Council form EFS-007) and Order of Exemption from Electronic Filing and Service (Judicial Council form EFS-008).

An attorney who requests an exemption shall be served with documents in paper form until the Court rules on the request.

Undue hardship or significant prejudice does not include the inability to pay fees for eFiling.

Self-represented parties, non-parties, and attorneys excused from eFiling must be served as required by statute or rule of court.

(Revised January 1, 2026~~July 1, 2025~~)

#### **8.03.01 WHEN REQUIRED**

A current income and expense declaration is required in all family law matters where support or attorney's fees are requested. Said income and expense declaration shall be filed and served with the initial moving papers. A party responding to a notice of motion or order to show cause involving financial matters, including but not limited to support and/or attorney's fees, must file and serve a completed current income and expense declaration with the responsive papers. If responsive papers are not filed, then the completed current income and expense declaration shall be filed at least ~~five (5)~~ten (10) calendar days prior to the hearing date on the motion.

(Revised January 1, 2026~~August 1, 2016~~)

#### **8.05.03 FORMAT OF ORDERS TO SHOW CAUSE AND NOTICES OF MOTION**

The provisions of rule 4.00.02 shall apply to orders to show cause/request for order and notices of motion in family law matters. A copy of any document in the court's file which is to be affected by the relief sought in the order to show cause or notice of motion shall be attached to the duplicate copy of the document delivered to the clerk for the use of the court.

If a hearing is set on a motion or order to show cause regarding child support or temporary spousal support, both the moving party and the responding party shall at the time of the hearing provide the court with appropriate proposed support ~~DissoMaster or~~ X-Spouse calculation printouts.

(Revised January 1, 2026~~24~~)

#### **8.10.09 CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELING QUESTIONNAIRE**

All parties must complete the CCRC Questionnaire (F-17a) five (5) days prior to an appointment with the assigned mediator unless submission is excused by the court. If not completed the CCRC session will not be conducted.

(Effective January 1, 2026)

#### **8.27.05 STATUS CONFERENCE AND COURT'S ROLE**

- A. At the Status Conference, the judicial officer, or his or her designee, which could include court staff or a temporary judge, will review the case to determine whether it is progressing towards disposition in a timely and effective manner in accordance with the milestones, disposition standards, and additional factors set forth in California Rules of Court, rule 5.83. ~~The judicial officer may take action authorized by California Rules of Court, rule 5.83, including but not limited to setting additional Status Conferences, setting a family centered case resolution conference, or scheduling the case for further review without appearances by the parties.~~