

SUMMARY OF JANUARY 2027 LOCAL RULE REVISIONS

2.00.08 LOCATION FOR FILING AND COURT SESSIONS

A. LOCATION

- (1) In the Western Slope of El Dorado County, also referred to as the Western Slope area (excludes the Tahoe Basin), sessions of the court may be held in the following locations:
 - a. Placerville Main Street Branch, 495 Main Street, Placerville, CA 95667
 - b. Placerville Building C Branch, 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA 95667
 - ~~c. Placerville Fair Lane Branch, 295 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA 95667~~
 - ~~d.c.~~ Cameron Park Branch, 2927 Meder Road, Cameron Park, CA 95682
- (2) In the City of South Lake Tahoe, also referred to as the South Lake Tahoe area as described in section C below, all sessions of the court are held at:
 - a. South Lake Tahoe Branch, 1354 Johnson Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
- (3) The court may conduct sessions at any appropriate location within the County of El Dorado as directed by the judicial officer presiding at the hearing.
- ~~(4) All papers subsequent to the complaint must be filed directly with the Clerk's Office in the Justice Center where the case is assigned, unless otherwise ordered by the judicial officer assigned or hearing the affected case.~~
- ~~(4) Unless otherwise ordered by the court, all papers must be filed directly with the clerk's office in the courthouse where the case is assigned, except that filings for Department 8 must be filed in Building C at 2850 Fairlane Court, Ste. 120, Placerville, CA 95667.~~

(Revised ~~January~~ July 1, 20265)

2.00.17 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THE COURTROOM

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K. Law Enforcement Use of Body-Worn Cameras

(1) Definitions. For purposes of this rule:

- (a) "Body-worn camera" means an electronic device used to photograph or record the performance of a peace officer in the course of their official duties.
- (b) "Peace officer" has the meaning specified in Penal Code section 830.
- (c) "Law enforcement activities" means a peace officer (i) is responding to a call for service within the courthouse, (ii) is conducting or assisting with an arrest or detention, (iii) is interacting with an individual who is not

complying with a command from the peace officer or judicial officer, (iv) is responding to an emergency situation, or (v) reasonably believes that the use of force will be required.

(2) Permitted Use. A peace officer may use a body-worn camera in a courthouse to create a recording ONLY when the officer is conducting law enforcement activities as defined in subsection (1)(c) or when the officer has received prior authorization from the Presiding Judge.

(3) Limitations on activation of body-worn cameras:

(a) The law enforcement activities do not include being present in connection with a pending matter as a witness or to assist the prosecution.

(b) If a peace officer is present in a courthouse facility where juvenile matters are heard, the officer must comply with Welfare and Institutions Code section 827 and California Rules of Court, rule 5.552.

(c) Disclosure of juvenile court matter that was recorded pursuant to this rule must comply with Welfare and Institutions Code section 827 and California Rules of Court, rule 5.552.

(d) Except as allowed in subsection (2), a peace officer may not use a body-worn camera in the courthouse facility to create a recording.

(4) In the event a body-worn camera video is made, the law enforcement agency shall provide written notice of the recording to the Court Executive Officer as soon as reasonably possible, but in any event no later than two (2) court days after the recording.

2.00.19 USE OF AI BY COUNSEL

An attorney or self-represented party filing a brief, pleading, motion, or other document in this court must personally read and verify every citation contained therein before filing to ensure it is a valid citation that accurately supports the proposition for which it is cited. This requirement applies regardless of whether the citation was obtained through generative artificial intelligence, research services, or any other source. Violation of this rule may result in sanctions.

8.05.07 TENTATIVE RULING SYSTEM

(A)(2)(d) Notice to all parties of your intent to appear must be made orally, by telephone or in person pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.1308(a)(1).

8.10.00 CHILD CUSTODY, VISITATION, AND CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELING – GENERAL PROVISIONS

(Revised January 1, 2012~~27~~)

8.10.01 REFERRAL TO CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELING

Absent a finding of good cause to the contrary, All contested custody and visitation matters shall be referred to including the legal terms used to define the parties' relationship with the child or children must be scheduled for eChild eCustody rRecommending eCounseling (CCRC) by order of the Court pursuant to Family Code

section 3175.

~~However, if a child custody recommending counseling CCRC report was has been issued within the preceding past six (6) months of the filing of a request for order, a new child custody recommending counseling date CCRC session shall not be scheduled absent further order of the Court. In such cases, the parties shall will be directed to appear in court on the scheduled hearing date for the matter.~~

~~(Revised January 1, 2012)~~

8.10.02 CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELING; SCHEDULING; SANCTIONS FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND OR LATE CANCELLATION OF APPOINTMENT PARTICIPATION, AND ATTENDANCE

Effective for all CCRC referral orders issued on or after June 15, 2026, all CCRC appointments shall be conducted remotely unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

Each party shall participate in the remote CCRC appointment from a private setting where the appointment cannot be overheard or observed by an unauthorized person. No person other than the parties and individuals authorized by the Child Custody Recommending Counselor (Recommending Counselor) may be present during the appointment.

Any video recording, audio recording, photographing, taking screenshots, and/or reproducing of the CCRC appointment is strictly prohibited. The recording, publishing, broadcasting, or other copying or transmission of the CCRC appointment by video, audio, still photography, or any other means is strictly prohibited and is subject to penalties for contempt of court.

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 15 minutes before the scheduled CCRC appointment time.

Failure to submit required documents to the Court and complete the required orientation may result in cancellation of the appointment and notification to the Court.

A party may request a separate CCRC session with the Recommending Counselor at the time of the CCRC appointment. The Recommending Counselor shall determine whether separate sessions are appropriate, except in cases where there is a history of domestic violence in which the party alleging domestic violence is entitled to meet with the Recommending Counselor separately and at separate times, as required by Family Code

section 3113.

The CCRC appointment is a court-ordered appearance. The requesting party, or the responding party who was properly served, shall be considered to have failed to appear if they are more than 15 minutes late to their scheduled appointment time or otherwise fail to appear for their scheduled appointment. Furthermore, a party appearing more than 15 minutes late to their scheduled appointment shall not be permitted to participate.

Failure to appear or failure to participate in good faith during the CCRC appointment may result in sanctions or other orders deemed appropriate by the Court.

~~The date and time for child custody recommending counseling will be set by the court. When your CCRC appointment is scheduled, you will be given a questionnaire requesting information about you, your children, your concerns, your proposals, and other pertinent information. You must fill out this questionnaire and turn it in prior to the CCRC appointment.~~

~~If you want to meet separately with the Child Custody Recommending Counselor ("Recommending Counselor"), you may request this at the Clerk's Office or from the Recommending Counselor.~~

~~If you live more than 120 miles away from the courthouse where you are ordered to appear or have a documented medical condition that prohibits you from traveling, you may request Telephonic Appearance at child custody recommending counseling by filling out Local form F-102 at least five (5) days before your child custody recommending counseling appointment.~~

~~The child custody recommending counseling appointment shall be considered a court date at which the parties shall appear. Failure to attend child custody recommending counseling or late cancellation (less than 48 hours' notice) may result in sanctions.~~

~~(Revised January 1, 2022²⁷)~~

8.10.03 ASSIGNMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELOR; APPOINTMENT OF EVALUATOR; STANDARDS; QUALIFICATIONS

~~Whenever possible, tThe eCourt shall assign a qualified appoint for each child custody recommending counseling, evaluation, assessment, investigation, or family study ordered under Family Code section 3110 or Evidence Code section 730 a child custody rRecommending eCounselor to each matter referred to CCRC by order of the Court.~~

When the Court orders a child custody evaluation, assessment, investigation, or family study, the Court shall appoint a qualified evaluator in accordance with applicable law and California Rules of Court. whose skills, training and background are best suited to the particular needs of the family.

A Recommending Counselor or evaluator assigned or appointed pursuant to this rule shall satisfy the qualification, training, education, and experience requirements applicable to the services being performed.

Nothing in this rule limits the Court's authority to approve or appoint a qualified professional stipulated to by the parties when permitted by law.

(Revised January 1, 20~~12~~27)

8.10.04 MINIMUM STANDARDS RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

~~The minimum standards of qualification for performing child custody recommending counseling/evaluations are those possessed by:~~

- ~~A. Person(s) to whom the parties stipulate in writing, subject to approval by the court;~~
- ~~B. Court child custody recommending counselors or other county employees who meet statutory minimum requirements for child custody recommending counselors; or~~
- ~~C. Mental health professionals who possess at least the statutory minimum requirements for family court child custody recommending counselors.~~

(Revised January 1, 20~~12~~27)

8.10.05 EX PARTE CONTACT PROHIBITED COMMUNICATIONS WITH RECOMMENDING COUNSELOR OR EVALUATOR; SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

A. EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS. No party, ~~or~~ attorney for a party, or attorney for the child shall initiate ex parte communication ~~contact with a child custody recommending counselor/evaluator~~, orally or in writing, with a Recommending Counselor or evaluator concerning ~~to discuss the substance of a pending merits of the case~~ without notice to the other party and an opportunity to ~~be present~~ participate in the communication or ~~to~~ receive a copy of any written communication.

~~A.~~ The eCourt shall advise ~~all child custody recommending counselors/evaluators, attorneys, and parties~~ and all attorneys of record of ~~the~~ prohibition against ex parte communications at the time the CCRC or evaluation is ordered ~~order for child custody recommending counseling/evaluation is made~~.

Nothing in this rule ~~shall prohibit~~ the a child custody r Recommending eCounselor or evaluator from ~~contacting~~ communicating separately with a either party as necessary to conduct CCRC or an evaluation, including conducting separate interviews or sessions and gathering information ~~or attorney provided that the other party or attorney is advised of such communication. Ex parte questions regarding the completed report (child custody recommending counseling recommendation and evaluation) will be allowed; however, the child custody recommending counselor/evaluator has the discretion to request concurrent contact.~~

A Recommending Counselor or evaluator shall not engage in an ex parte communication concerning the substance of a pending case with a party, attorney for a party, attorney for the child, or the Court except as permitted by California Rules of Court, rule 5.235, other applicable law, or court order.

Communications necessary to schedule an appointment; investigate or disclose an actual or potential conflict of interest or dual relationship; fulfill mandated reporting or other duties as required by law; or address circumstances involving

an imminent risk to the physical safety of a child or party are permitted consistent with California Rules of Court, rule 5.235.

The parties may stipulate in writing or in open court permitting ex parte communications to the extent permitted by California Rules of Court, rule 5.235.

Communications concerning a completed CCRC report or evaluation remain subject to the requirements of this rule. Questions or requests for clarification concerning a completed report shall not be communicated ex parte unless permitted by California Rules of Court, rule 5.235, other applicable law, court order, or stipulation of the parties.

B. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY PARTIES. Parties and attorneys may submit additional written information to the Recommending Counselor before the scheduled CCRC appointment as follows:

(1) Parties. A party may submit up to 10 single-sided pages of additional documents. Each page shall be titled "Additional Document" and include the applicable page number. Filed or endorsed copies of documents previously filed with the Court that are submitted to the Recommending Counselor shall count toward the 10-page limit.

(2) Attorneys. An attorney for a party may submit one (1) Attorney Input Letter, not to exceed one (1) single-spaced, single-sided page in 12-point font on the attorney's letterhead.

(3) Service and Proof of Service. All Additional Documents and Attorney Input Letters submitted to the Recommending Counselor shall be served on all other parties or their attorneys of record. A completed proof of service shall accompany the documents submitted to the Recommending Counselor and shall identify the documents served and, for Additional Documents, the number of pages served.

Personal service shall be completed at least five (5) calendar days before the CCRC appointment; service by mail shall be completed at least 10 calendar days before the appointment; and electronic service shall be completed at least seven (7) calendar days before the appointment and shall comply with applicable requirements for electronic service.

(4) Materials Accepted. Additional Documents and Attorney Input Letters must be submitted in a form that can be reviewed as written documents. Spreadsheets, audio recordings, video recordings, or other non-documentary electronic materials shall not be accepted unless requested by the Recommending Counselor or ordered by the Court.

(5) Review of Documents. The Recommending Counselor may review the submitted documents before or after the CCRC appointment. ~~Submission~~Submission does not require the Recommending Counselor to review the documents before the appointment. The Recommending

Counselor is not required to review or consider documents that exceed the applicable page limit, are untimely, have not been served on the other parties or their attorneys, or otherwise fail to comply with this rule.

Nothing in this subsection limits the authority of the Recommending Counselor to request additional information or documentation when necessary to conduct CCRC.

(Revised January 1, 2015~~27~~)

8.10.06 PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN

~~The child custody recommending counselor/evaluator shall have discretion as to whether the lack of confidentiality shall be disclosed to the child(ren). The child custody recommending counselor/evaluator need only address this question after a specific inquiry by the child(ren).~~

Children shall ~~are not to be~~ present at the CCRC appointment~~for child custody recommending counseling sessions~~ unless ordered by the eCourt.

~~A.~~ The eCourt and/or the ~~child custody r~~Recommending eCounselor ~~will~~ shall determine whether, and under what conditions, a minor child may be interviewed.

When interviewing a minor child, the Recommending Counselor shall inform the child, in an age appropriate manner, of the limitations on confidentiality, including the Recommending Counselor's mandatory reporting obligations and the extent to which information provided by the child may be disclosed to the Court or the parties.

Sibling interviews may be conducted jointly or separately at the discretion of the Recommending Counselor.

Notwithstanding that CCRC appointments are conducted remotely; an interview of a minor child shall be conducted in person by the Recommending Counselor unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

If a minor child informs the Recommending Counselor that the child wishes to address the Court regarding custody or visitation, the Recommending Counselor shall notify the Court in accordance with California Rules of Court, rule 5.250.

~~A. Interviews with siblings can be separate at the discretion of the child custody recommending counselor/evaluator.~~

(Revised January 1, 2015~~27~~)

8.10.07 PARTICIPATION OF BOTH PARENTS TO BE INTERVIEWED

If one (1) party fails to appear for the ~~child custody recommending counseling~~CCRC appointment, the ~~child custody r~~Recommending eCounselor shall inform the eCourt of the party's failure to appear ~~by one party~~. ~~The child custody recommending counselor may make professional collateral contacts, if appropriate, and report the collateral contact statements to the court.~~

The Recommending Counselor may meet with the appearing party for purposes consistent with applicable law and the California Rules of Court. The child custody rRecommending eCounselor ~~will~~ shall not submit a CCRC report making any

recommendation concerning a party who has not been evaluated directly or in consultation with another qualified neutral professional, as provided by ~~pursuant to~~ California Rules of Court, rule 5.210(h)(4).

The Recommending Counselor shall report to the Court that the CCRC could not be completed because the party failed to appear and may provide other information as authorized by law and the California Rules of Court.

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8.10.08 SUPERVISED VISITATION PROVIDERS

- A. APPLICABLE RULES. Standards and procedures for both professional and non-professional visitation providers are governed by the Family Code sections 3200 and 3200.5 and the California Rules of Court, Standards of Judicial Administration, Standard 5.20.
- B. LIST OF PROFESSIONAL VISITATION PROVIDERS. The Custody and Parenting Resource List (Local Form F-101) lists professional visitation providers and is available through the court's website at www.eldorado.courts.ca.gov. The listed individuals/entities have identified themselves as professional supervised visitation providers and have submitted to the court a supervised visitation provider declaration and proof of the required training. Each provider's declaration and proof of required training will be on file and maintained by ~~e~~Court ~~a~~Administration.
- C. PROFESSIONAL PROVIDERS NOT AFFILIATED WITH COURT. The professional visitation providers are not affiliated with the ~~e~~Court and each visitation provider is independently responsible for compliance with ~~any and all~~ applicable legal requirements. The ~~e~~Court does not endorse, evaluate, supervise, or otherwise monitor the visitation providers.
- D. PARTIES' OBLIGATION. It is the obligation of each party to investigate and know that a professional or non-professional visitation provider meets the statutory qualifications, training, and continuing education requirements.
- E. DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATIONS. All professional and nonprofessional supervised visitation providers must file with the court the Declaration of Supervised Visitation Provider (Professional) [Judicial Council form FL-324(P)] or Declaration of Supervised Visitation Provider (Non-Professional) [Judicial Council form FL-324(NP)], or a declaration containing the same qualifications information, before the first supervised visit. In addition, each time a professional provider submits a report to the ~~e~~Court, the professional provider must also file and serve on all parties, their attorneys, and the attorney for the child a new and current declaration.
- F. CURRENT DECLARATION OF VISITATION PROVIDER. "Current" means the Declaration of Supervised Visitation Provider (form FL-324(P) or FL-324(NP)) has been completed and signed within 10 days prior to filing the form with the ~~e~~Court. In the event any information contained in the declaration has changed, an updated version must be filed and served by the provider on all parties, their attorneys, and the child's attorney within five (5) days of the change in information.
- G. INELIGIBILITY OF VISITATION PROVIDER. In the event a visitation provider becomes

ineligible to provide services for any reason (including, but not limited to, failure to meet the qualifications and training set forth in California Rules of Court, Standards of Judicial Administration, Standard 5.20, or Family Code section 3200.5) the provider must immediately contact all parties, their attorneys, and the child's attorney, and must state, in writing, the reasons the provider is no longer eligible. Within five (5) days of receipt of the provider's written notice of ineligibility, the parties must file with the eCourt a declaration containing all pertinent information related to the provider's ineligibility.

(Effective ~~January~~ July 1, 2027)

8.11.00 CHALLENGES TO CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELORS OR EVALUATORS

(Revised January 1, 204227)

8.11.01 ONE CHALLENGE PER PARTY

Each party is allowed one (1) peremptory challenge ~~at the time of initiation of child custody recommending counseling or evaluation~~ to the assigned Recommending Counselor or evaluator. The peremptory challenge must be exercised before the first CCRC appointment or interview with the Recommending Counselor or evaluator.

(Revised January 1, 204227)

8.11.02 NO FURTHER PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES; REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT

After an ~~initial party has exercised~~ peremptory challenge permitted under rule 8.11.01, no further peremptory challenge by that party shall be permitted. ~~parties will be required to accept the next child custody recommending counselor/evaluator available.~~

Any subsequent request to replace the assigned Recommending Counselor or evaluator shall be made by noticed motion and may be granted by the Court. A child custody recommending counselor/evaluator will not be replaced after an initial challenge unless a written document is submitted proving, to the satisfaction of the court only upon a showing of good cause, including an actual or potential conflict of interest or other circumstance affecting the Recommending Counselor's or evaluator's ability to remain, a clear conflict of interest (inability to be objective).

If a replacement is ordered, the matter shall be reassigned to another Recommending Counselor or evaluator.

(Revised January 1, 204227)

8.11.03 SUBSEQUENT CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELING SESSIONS

Cases returning to ~~child custody recommending counseling~~ CCRC within six (6) months of the most recent CCRCa report shall be reassigned to the Recommending Counselor who being completed, or the last court date—whichever is the latest—will be reassigned to the same individual that completed the most recent report, unless the Recommending Counselor is unavailable, has an actual or potential conflict of interest, or the Court orders otherwise for good cause.

(Revised ~~August~~ January 1, 204627)

8.11.04 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE NO PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE AFTER FIRST INTERVIEW

~~A child custody recommending counselor/evaluator will not be replaced after the initial interview with the parties, except for good cause. The request for replacement shall be heard on the regular court calendar by notice of motion.~~

(Revised January 1, 20~~12~~27)

8.12.00 PAYMENT OF CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELOR'S OR EVALUATOR'S FEES

If the ~~e~~Court orders ~~a child custody recommending counseling~~CCRC, /evaluation, investigation, assessment, or other service for which and if any fees or costs will be charged, the Court shall for child custody recommending counseling and/or evaluation, the determine the allocation of fees or costs between the parties. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the fees or costs shall be apportioned equally ~~among~~between the parties. ~~Either A party may request reallocation of the fees or costs by can file a noticed of motion to have the fees reallocated.~~

(Revised January 1, 20~~12~~27)

8.13.00 COMPLAINT PROCEDURE ~~ABOUT REGARDING~~ CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELORS

~~All complaints raised in connection with the evaluation procedure shall be submitted in writing to the court.~~

A complaint ~~about~~regarding the conduct or performance of a Recommending Counselor ~~a child custody recommending counselor may shall~~ be submitted using by letter the Child Custody Recommending Counseling Client Complaint form (Local Form F-100) to the Court Executive Officer, with proof of service of a copy to all other counsel and self-represented parties.

The complaint must be submitted within 30 days of the date the scheduled child custody recommending counselingCCRC appointment was held session. The Court Executive Officer, or ~~his/her~~their designee, shall review and will conduct an investigation of the complaint as appropriate~~matter~~, which may include consultation with the ~~child custody r~~Recommending eCounselor, and shall provide a written response ~~se d to the complaint in writing to the~~ all parties within 30 days.

The ~~Child Custody Recommending Counseling Client Complaint Form~~Local Form F-100 is available at the ~~e~~Court's website and at or in the ~~e~~Clerk's ~~e~~Office.

The complaint procedure is administrative and is not a procedure for challenging the substance of a CCRC report or obtaining modification of an order. A party seeking to challenge a CCRC report or obtain judicial relief must present the matter to the Court through the appropriate judicial proceeding.

(Revised January 1, 20~~15~~27)

8.14.00 CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELING PROCESS

(Revised January 1, 20~~12~~27)

8.14.01 SUPPORT PERSONS

A ~~child custody r~~Recommending eCounselor may exclude a support person ~~from~~, including a domestic violence support person pursuant to Family Code section 6303, from

a ~~child custody recommending counseling~~CCRC session if the support person participates in the ~~child custody recommending counseling~~ session, acts as an advocate for a party, or ~~the presence of a particular support person is disruptive or disrupts~~to the ~~process of child custody recommending counseling~~CCRC process.
(Revised January 1, 20~~12~~27)

8.14.02 CONDUCT OF CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELOR

In ~~order an effort~~ to facilitate an agreement ~~of between~~ the parties and gather information relevant to the custody and visitation issues presented, the ~~child custody r~~Recommending eCounselor may meet with the parties together or separately.

The ~~child custody r~~Recommending eCounselor may make collateral contact, including contacting, meeting with, or interviewing children, relatives, friends, employers, or such other persons with information relevant to the issues presented. In making collateral contacts, as the child custody rRecommending eCounselor shall maintain the confidentiality of the parties and children and shall not disclose information concerning the case except as authorized by law~~deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, the children, relatives, friends, or employers.~~
(Revised ~~July~~ January 1, 20~~17~~27)

8.14.03 CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELING AGREEMENT

If ~~the child custody recommending counselor reports an~~parties reach an agreement during CCRC, the Recommending Counselor to the court, the clerk shall prepare the direct the child custody recommending counselor's agreement and submit it to the Court for review and approval, stipulation, and order to a judge or commissioner.
(Revised January 1, 20~~15~~27)

8.14.04 CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS

If the parties do not reach a complete agreement, the ~~child custody r~~Recommending eCounselor ~~is required to~~shall submit a report with recommendations to the eCourt regarding the unresolved custody and visitation issues in which agreements could not be made. custody and visitation to the court.

~~If the child custody recommending counselor reports a recommendation to the clerk, the clerk shall file the recommendation in the action. The child custody r~~Recommending eCounselor shall issue a the CCRC report of the child custody recommending counseling outcome~~no later than 10 calendar days prior to~~before the scheduled hearing date.

The Recommending Counselor shall not submit a CCRC report with recommendations to the Court if one (1) party fails to appear to the CCRC appointment pursuant to rule 8.10.07.
(Revised January 1, 20~~12~~27)

8.14.05 COPY TO BE PROVIDED

A copy of the CCRC agreement or ~~recommendation report~~ shall be provided to the eCourt, to all counsel of record, and ~~to non-represented all~~ adult parties.

The CCRC agreement or report shall not be shown to or distributed to any persons who are not parties to the proceeding or otherwise authorized by law or the Court to receive

~~the agreement or report~~~~non-litigation related persons.~~

(Revised January 1, 20~~12~~27)

8.14.06 COURT REVIEW RECOMMENDATION OF CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELOR

If the parties ~~cannot do not~~ reach an agreement and the ~~child custody r~~Recommending ~~e~~Counselor submit a CCRC reports__ recommendation to the Ccourt, the recommendations shall be reviewed at the next ~~calendared~~scheduled hearing ~~date~~concerning custody or visitation.

(Revised January 1, 20~~12~~27)

8.14.07 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

(Revised January 1, 2019)

8.14.08 PRIVATE CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELING

The parties may stipulate to ~~the use of~~have a qualified private ~~child custody r~~Recommending ~~e~~Counselor or evaluator to assist in resolving ~~their~~disputeds regarding custody and visitation issues, subject to approval by the Court.

The parties must ~~fill submit the appropriate proposed out an~~order for private ~~child custody recommending counseling~~CCRC or a child custody evaluation to Court for approval. Any private Recommending Counselor or evaluator shall meet the qualifications and requirements applicable to the services to be performed and submit that form to the court.

(Revised January 1, 20~~26~~27)

8.14.09 CONFIDENTIALITY OF CHILD CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELOR REPORTS AND EVALUATION REPORTS

A. In any proceeding involving minor children and the issues of parentage, custody, visitation, or parenting time with such minor children, any written report, including, but not limited to, the following documents shall be deemed to be confidential:

- (1) ~~Any Child Custody Recommending Counselor CCRC R~~reports prepared issued by a ~~Family Court Services Child Custody Recommending Counselor or Family Court Services Investigator~~ employed by the ~~El Dorado County Superior Court, or any person or agency appointed by the court to conduct a mediation or evaluation involving minor children.~~
- (2) ~~Any Child C~~custody evaluation, and iinvestigation, or assessment Rreports prepared ~~and/or issued~~ pursuant to Family Code section 3110, et seq.
- (3) Child custody evaluation reports ~~Any report or recommendations~~ prepared ~~and/or issued~~ pursuant to Evidence Code section 730 or other applicable law.

B. In any case in which any of the foregoing reports exist, those reports shall be maintained as confidential and shall be unavailable to any entities or persons except:

- (1) The ~~e~~Court and its personnel.

- (2) Attorneys of record for the parties, or the parties themselves. In the event that a party to a proceeding obtains a copy of one of the foregoing reports, either directly or through its inclusion in a file that they receive from the ~~e~~Court or their former legal counsel, they shall be subject to the rules regarding confidentiality, dissemination, and copying of the reports, and the penalties proscribed for the violation of those rules.
- (3) Private mediators, Family Code section 3111 or Evidence Code section 730 custody evaluators, psychologists, or psychiatrists engaged in psychological profiling or evaluation of one or both of the parties.
- (4) Any other person or entity to whom the ~~e~~Court expressly grants access by written order made with prior notice to all parties.

C. All persons and/or entities having access to a report issued by a ~~Family Court Services Child Custody~~ Recommending Counselor, Family Court Services Investigator, or an evaluator appointed pursuant to Family Code section 3110, et seq., or Evidence Code section 730, are prohibited from making copies of the report, disseminating the report, or disclosing the contents, agreements, or recommendations contained in that report to any child who is the subject to the report, family members or relatives of the parties, or to any other person or entity not expressly authorized to receive the report under subsection (B), except in the following circumstances:

- (1) If the agreements and/or recommendations contained in any such report are adopted by the ~~e~~Court as orders, then those agreements and recommendations may be quoted or incorporated verbatim in subsequent orders prepared for the ~~e~~Court's execution and filing.
- ~~(2)~~ If the agreements and/or recommendations contained in any such report are adopted by the court as orders, only that portion of the report containing those specific agreements and recommendations adopted by the ~~e~~Court may be attached to subsequent court orders, if attachment of that portion of the report would lend itself to the brevity and/or clarity of the ~~e~~Court's orders.
- ~~(4)~~ ~~(2)~~(3) Upon the issuance of a prior court order permitting the copying, dissemination, or disclosure of the report and its contents to a person or entity previously prohibited from receiving this information.
 - a. In the event of a police, Child Protective Services, or related investigation in which the welfare or safety of a minor child is at issue, and there is not sufficient time to obtain a court order permitting the disclosure of the information.

D. In the event that any person, entity, or attorney fails to maintain the confidentiality of a report, they shall be subject to the imposition of sanctions by the court in the form of monetary fines or penalties, and/or restriction of their access to any existing or future confidential reports.

8.15.03 TESTIMONY OF EVALUATOR

B. APPEARANCE. If the counselor's appearance will no longer be required, the subpoenaing party must notify the family law clerk's office at the earliest opportunity.

~~If the hearing date has been continued and the counselor's appearance is still required, a new subpoena will not be necessary if the subpoenaing party does both of the following: (1) contacts the family law clerk's office at the earliest opportunity to determine the counselor's availability on the continued hearing date, and (2) immediately provides the family law clerk's office written notice that the counselor's appearance is required on the new date and time.~~