

LAW & MOTION TENTATIVE RULINGS
DEPARTMENT 12
JANUARY 21, 2026
8:30 a.m.

1. HEIDI MANZANO V. JUAN MOLINA

SFL20200074

This matter was continued from November 19, 2025, when the court re-referred the parties to a CCRC session set for December 08, 2025. The court is in receipt of a memorandum from the CCRC counsellor dated December 08, 2025, stating that neither party appeared for the appointment.

**TENTATIVE RULING #1: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M.,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT 12.**

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2. IOVANNY MAGANA V. KETSIA BERNARDINO

24FL0292

This matter is before the court on competing Requests for Orders (RFO) – one filed by the Petitioner on November 25, 2025, to modify child custody and visitation, and oppose a move-away order from Respondent; and another filed by the Respondent on December 08, 2025, to modify visitation and issue a move-away order. The filing of the Petitioner's RFO prompted the court to refer the parties to a CCRC session set for December 11, 2025.

Proof of service filed November 26, 2025, shows Petitioner's RFO, the CCRC referral, and Notice of Tentative Ruling were personally served on Respondent's attorney that same day.

Also on December 08, 2025, Respondent filed a Responsive Declaration to Petitioner's RFO. Proof of service filed December 12, 2025, shows Respondent's RFO, as well as Respondent's Responsive Declaration, were served on Petitioner via mail that same day.

Petitioner filed no Responsive Declaration to Respondent's RFO.

The court is in receipt of the CCRC report dated December 18, 2025, a copy of which was mailed to both parties on December 19, 2025, per the Clerk's Certificate of Mailing filed that same day. The CCRC report provides two alternative recommendations.

Appearances are required at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 21, 2026, to set an evidentiary hearing on the matter.

**TENTATIVE RULING #2: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M.,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT 12 TO SET AN EVIDENTIARY
HEARING.**

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3. KERRY BROWN V. MARC BROWN

22FL0838

This matter is on calendar for review following the court's entry of order on October 22, 2025. A previous review hearing was held on December 10, 2025, at which time, the court (1) ordered the parties to file and serve their certificates of parenting class and any additional documents on or before January 12, 2026; (2) ordered Respondent to file and serve his progress report on or before January 12, 2026; and (3) continued the matter to January 21, 2026. The court authorized both parties to serve the required items via mail.

On December 15, 2025, the Petitioner submitted a letter from Holistic Mountain Therapy (dated October 21, 2025) stating it received a copy of the CCRC report (dated September 23, 2025) on October 02, 2025. Proof of service filed December 16, 2025, shows said letter was served upon the Petitioner via mail that same day.

On January 06, 2026, the Respondent submitted two separate declarations: one showing completion of Parenting Course on December 01, 2025; and the other showing Respondent's progress with individual counseling. Both declarations were served upon the Petitioner via mail on January 06, 2026, per the proof of service also filed that day.

On January 12, 2026, the Petitioner submitted another declaration, which was served upon the Respondent via mail, according to the proof of service filed the same day.

The court has read and considered the pleadings filed since the last court appearance on December 10, 2025, and has, also, re-read the CCRC counselor's interview with the parties' child found in the CCRC report filed September 23, 2025. The court is strongly considering the request by Petitioner to appoint Ruth Jacobsen, LCSW, as a reunification counselor and not allowing in-person visits until recommended by Ms. Jacobsen.

**TENTATIVE RULING #3: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M.,
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4. TAMMY METROVICH V. MICHAEL METROVICH

25FL0354

This matter is before the court for a Trial Setting Conference. The issues to be addressed at trial include: spousal support, property division, reimbursement claims, and attorney fees.

**TENTATIVE RULING #4: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M.,
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT 12 TO SET TRIAL AND MANDATORY
CONFERENCE SETTLEMENT DATES.**

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5. YESSALIN MONDRAGON V. RICARDO ORBEGOSO

25FL0474

This matter is before the court on the Request for Order (RFO) filed by the Respondent on January 08, 2026, to prevent child abduction. The RFO also included a request for Temporary Emergency Orders preventing child abduction, which the court granted on January 08, 2026. The court shortened time for service, with service to be made on or before January 12, 2026; and a Responsive Declaration to be filed and served on or before January 16, 2026. Proof of service filed January 08, 2026, shows the RFO and Temporary Emergency Orders were served upon the Petitioner electronically that same day.

On January 13, 2026, the Petitioner filed a Responsive Declaration. To date, however, there is no proof of service for the Responsive Declaration in the court's file. Therefore, the court does not consider the Responsive Declaration.

The RFO is granted to the extent that it re-iterates the Standard Restraining Order found in the Summons filed in this case on May 22, 2025 (see Judicial Council Form FL-210, p. 2): "Starting immediately, you and every other party are restrained from removing from the state, or applying for a passport for, the minor child or children for whom this action seeks to establish a parent-child relationship or a custody order without the prior written consent of every other party or an order of the court."

TENTATIVE RULING #5: THE RFO IS GRANTED TO THE EXTENT THAT IT RE-ITERATES THE STANDARD RESTRAINING ORDER FOUND IN THE SUMMONS FILED IN THIS CASE ON MAY 22, 2025 (SEE JUDICIAL COUNCIL FORM FL-210, P. 2): "STARTING IMMEDIATELY, YOU AND EVERY OTHER PARTY ARE RESTRAINED FROM REMOVING FROM THE STATE, OR APPLYING FOR A PASSPORT FOR, THE MINOR CHILD OR CHILDREN FOR WHOM THIS ACTION SEEKS TO ESTABLISH A PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP OR A CUSTODY ORDER WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF EVERY OTHER PARTY OR AN ORDER OF THE COURT."

NO HEARING ON THIS MATTER WILL BE HELD UNLESS A REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT IS TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY THROUGH THE COURT'S WEBSITE OR BY PHONE CALL TO THE COURT AT (530) 573-3042 BY 4:00 P.M. ON THE DAY THE TENTATIVE RULING IS ISSUED. CAL.RULE CT. 3.1308; LOCAL RULE 8.05.07; SEE ALSO LEWIS V. SUPERIOR COURT, 19 CAL.4TH 1232 (1999). NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES OF A REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT AND THE GROUNDS UPON WHICH ARGUMENT IS BEING REQUESTED MUST BE MADE BY PHONE CALL OR IN PERSON BY 4:00 P.M. ON THE DAY THE TENTATIVE RULING IS ISSUED. CAL.RULE CT. 3.1308; LOCAL RULE 8.05.07.