

LAW & MOTION TENTATIVE RULINGS
DEPARTMENT 12
MAY 20, 2026
8:30 a.m.

1. JARED ALLAN COLLINS V. STEFANI KERN

SFL20180059

This matter is before the court for hearing of the Request for Order (RFO) filed by the Respondent on January 27, 2026, to modify visitation. At the hearing held on March 11, 2026, the court referred the parties to a CCRC session set for May 13, 2026, and continued the hearing on the RFO to May 20, 2026.

The court is in receipt of a CCRC report dated March 30, 2026, and filed with the court on April 01, 2026. A copy of the report was mailed to both parties on April 02, 2026, per the Clerk's Certificate of Mailing filed that day.

The CCRC report includes agreements on some issues, as well as recommendations made by the CCRC counsellor on remaining issues.

The court notes that, with respect to the parenting plan, the parties agreed that Respondent shall have non-professionally supervised visits with the parties' children every other weekend for the next six months from Friday at 5:00 p.m. to Sunday at 5:00 p.m. While the court would be willing to adopt such agreement as being in the best interests of the children, the court is concerned with the practicality of this agreement. The report does not indicate what non-professional supervisors are willing to supervise Respondent's visitation every other weekend for 48 consecutive hours.

On April 28, 2026, the Petitioner submitted a supplemental declaration, a copy of which was served upon the Respondent that same day via mail according to the proof of service, also filed April 28, 2026.

TENTATIVE RULING #1: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT 12, AT WHICH TIME, THE COURT WILL ASK THE PARTIES FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR AGREEMENT THAT RESPONDENT SHALL HAVE NON-PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISED VISITATION.

LAW & MOTION TENTATIVE RULINGS
DEPARTMENT 12
MAY 20, 2026
8:30 a.m.

2. JEFFREY STEVEN VANHEE V. ASHLEY NICHOLE VANHEE

25FL0526

This matter is before the court for hearing of the Request for Order (RFO) filed by the Respondent on April 23, 2026, to (1) modify custody and visitation; (2) enter order regarding sale of assets and deposit of assets with the Sheriff; (3) schedule expedited CCRC session; and (4) issue an order requiring Petitioner to file and serve proof of surrender of firearms. The RFO also included a request for temporary emergency orders, which the court granted on April 23, 2026, as follows: Respondent shall have temporary sole physical custody of the parties' three children, AH (age 12), NH (age 8), and HH (age 4), and Respondent shall have non-professional supervised visits at least two times per week for up to three hours per visit (with the supervisor to be selected by the Respondent).

The filing of the RFO prompted the court to refer the parties to a CCRC session set for May 05, 2026. The court also issued an order shortening time. Respondent was ordered to serve the RFO on or before April 27, 2026, and Petitioner was ordered to file and serve a Responsive Declaration on or before May 04, 2026.

Proof of service filed May 04, 2026, shows Respondent served the RFO by mail on May 01, 2026. This is untimely service under the court's order shortening time.

To date, Petitioner has filed no Responsive Declaration.

The court is in receipt of a "One Parent" CCRC report dated May 05, 2026, a copy of which was mailed to both parties on May 06, 2026, according to the Clerk's Certificate of Mailing filed that day.

Due to the untimely service of the RFO, the court denies the RFO without prejudice. The temporary emergency orders issued April 23, 2026, are hereby vacated and the pre-existing orders shall take effect.

TENTATIVE RULING #2: DUE TO UNTIMELY SERVICE, THE RFO IS DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. THE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDERS ISSUED APRIL 23, 2026, ARE HEREBY VACATED AND THE PRE-EXISTING ORDERS SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

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.

LAW & MOTION TENTATIVE RULINGS
DEPARTMENT 12
MAY 20, 2026
8:30 a.m.

3. SANDRA GAIL WIRTH V. ROBERT JON WIRTH

SFL20160123

This matter is before the court for a post-judgment Request for Order (RFO) filed by the Respondent on March 23, 2026, to terminate spousal support; alternatively, Respondent requests that the court order Petitioner to submit to a vocational evaluation to determine her reasonable earning capacity and employability. Respondent concurrently filed with the RFO a current Income and Expense Declaration (I&E) as well as personal declaration in support of the RFO.

A hearing was originally set for May 06, 2026. On March 26, 2026, the court granted Respondent's request to continue the hearing to May 20, 2026. Proof of service filed March 26, 2026, shows the order rescheduling the hearing was served upon Petitioner via mail that same day.

There is no proof of service in the court's file for the RFO; however, the Petitioner filed a Responsive Declaration on May 11, 2026, thereby waiving any defect in service.

Also on May 11, 2026, Petitioner submitted a request to further continue the hearing. Later that same day, Respondent filed a Responsive Declaration to Petitioner's request to reschedule the hearing. On May 12, 2026, the court denied the Petitioner's request.

As noted in the court's order denying Petitioner's request to reschedule the hearing, the decision of whether to modify spousal support requires the court to weigh the factors under Family Code section 4320. In order to accomplish this, the court needs to hold an evidentiary hearing.

**TENTATIVE RULING #3: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M.,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT 12 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION OF
AN EVIDENTIARY HEARING DATE.**

LAW & MOTION TENTATIVE RULINGS
DEPARTMENT 12
MAY 20, 2026
8:30 a.m.

4. WILFRIDO HERNANDEZ BAUTISTA V. JOANNA T. ROJAS

23FL1226

This matter is before the court for hearing of the Request for Order (RFO) filed by the Respondent to modify child custody and visitation. The original RFO was filed on December 11, 2025. An updated RFO was filed on February 11, 2026, with a hearing date set for March 25, 2026.

Prior to the March 25 hearing, the court issued a tentative ruling stating that service of the updated RFO was untimely (proof of service filed March 11, 2026, showed that the updated RFO was personally served upon the Petitioner only 12 court days before the March 25 hearing).

Both parties appeared at the hearing on March 25, 2026. The court re-referred the parties to a CCRC session set for April 10, 2026.

To date, however, the Respondent has still not filed proof of service of the updated RFO. The court is in receipt of a "One Parent" CCRC report dated April 10, 2026, stating that only the Respondent appeared for the appointment.

Due to the lack of proper service, the RFO is denied without prejudice.

TENTATIVE RULING #4: DUE TO THE LACK OF PROPER SERVICE, THE RFO IS DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

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.