

LAW & MOTION TENTATIVE RULINGS
DEPARTMENT 12
JULY 22, 2026
8:30 a.m.

1. AMANDA-DANIELLE DOMINGUEZ GOULD V. DAVID GOULD

25FL1086

This matter is before the court for a Trial Setting Conference (TSC), as requested by the Petitioner on June 26, 2026. Petitioner indicates that the issues to be addressed at trial include custody, property division, “support,” and *Epstein*¹ / *Watts*² credits. With respect to the issue of support, it is unclear whether this refers to child and/or spousal support.

Because custody is at issue, the court intends to refer the parties to participate in CCRC. The court proposes a CCRC date of September 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. and a CCRC review hearing date of November 18, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. During the TSC on July 22, 2026, the court will ask the parties whether there is any conflict with the proposed CCRC and review hearing dates.

TENTATIVE RULING #1: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT 12 FOR THE PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION OF MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE AND TRIAL DATES. ADDITIONALLY, THE COURT WILL ASK THE PARTIES WHETHER THERE IS ANY CONFLICT WITH THE COURT’S PROPOSED CCRC AND REVIEW HEARING DATES IDENTIFIED HEREIN.

¹ *In re Marriage of Epstein* (1979) 24 Cal.3d 76.

² *In re Marriage of Watts* (1985) 171 Cal.App.3d 366.

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2. APRIL HERRERA V. DANIEL HERRERA

25FL0477

This matter is before the court for a Trial Setting Conference (TSC), as requested by the Petitioner on March 17, 2026. The issues to be addressed at trial include custody and visitation, property division, and “support.” However, it is unclear whether the issue of support refers to child and/or spousal support.

Appearances are required to participate in the selection of Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC) and Trial dates. Because the parties are scheduled to participate in CCRC on September 14, 2026, and return to the court for a review hearing on October 28, 2026, it is recommended that the MSC be scheduled no earlier than November 2026.

TENTATIVE RULING #2: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT 12 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION OF MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE AND TRIAL DATES.

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3. MATTHEW MCGARRY V. ALLY HOFFMAN

25FL1256

This matter is before the court for hearing of the Request for Order (RFO) filed by the Respondent on June 10, 2026, to modify child support and order the Petitioner to pay one-half of the medical bills incurred by the parties' child, MH (age 10 months) (Respondent claims there is a total of \$504.00 in collections). Respondent concurrently filed a current Income and Expense Declaration (I&E). Proof of service filed June 16, 2026, shows the RFO and I&E were both personally served upon Petitioner that same day.

Respondent declares she has been unemployed since October 30, 2025, and receives monthly unemployment benefits in the amount of \$1,620. However, Respondent did not submit any supporting documentation from the Employment Development Department (EDD).

On July 07, 2026, Petitioner filed his current I&E, a copy of which was personally served upon Respondent on July 15, 2026, according to the proof of service filed that day. Petitioner filed no Responsive Declaration (Judicial Council form FL-310); however, there is a signed declaration attached to Petitioner's I&E. Petitioner declares he discontinued medical insurance for the parties' child effective May 01, 2026.

Petitioner's declaration also indicates that, although paternity has been established, he is still not listed on the child's birth certificate and the issue of her surname remains unresolved. The court notes that these issues are not presently before the court and will require Petitioner to file a separate RFO(s) seeking affirmative relief.

**TENTATIVE RULING #3: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M.,
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4. MONIQUE INSHAW V. FRANCOIS INSHAW

23FL0924

This matter is before the court to reset Day 3 of trial, which had been set for July 16, 2026, but was not heard as scheduled due to the court's calendaring error. The court apologizes to the parties for any inconvenience.

**TENTATIVE RULING #4: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M.,
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5. SAVANNA ARNETT V. GAVIN NISHIHARA

25FL1181

This matter was continued from July 15, 2026, for the limited purpose of argument related to Petitioner's request to take the children out-of-state on vacation July 24, 2026, through August 03, 2026, and the previously-ordered attorney fees to be paid by Respondent.

At the hearing on July 15, Petitioner informed the court that her attorney had substituted out of the case. At the time, there was no formal substitution of attorney in the court's file. Following the hearing, Petitioner filed the substitution of attorney.

The court directed the parties to meet and confer after the substitution of attorney was filed to see if they could resolve the aforementioned issues. To date, the court has received no indication of resolution. Therefore, appearances are required for oral argument limited to the following two issues: (1) Petitioner's request to take the children out-of-state on vacation from July 24, 2026, through August 03, 2026; and (2) the previously-ordered attorney fees to be paid by Respondent.

TENTATIVE RULING #5: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT 12 FOR ORAL ARGUMENT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING TWO ISSUES: (1) PETITIONER'S REQUEST TO TAKE THE CHILDREN OUT-OF-STATE ON VACATION FROM JULY 24, 2026, THROUGH AUGUST 03, 2026; AND (2) THE PREVIOUSLY-ORDERED ATTORNEY FEES TO BE PAID BY RESPONDENT.

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6. TYLER JACKSON V. DEBORAH PUMARINO

SFL20150111

This matter is before the court for hearing of the Request for Order (RFO) filed by the Respondent on May 13, 2026, to modify child custody. The RFO also included a request for temporary emergency orders and an order shortening time. On May 13, 2026, the court granted the request for temporary emergency orders³ and issued an order shortening time. The court ordered that pending the hearing, Respondent shall have temporary sole physical custody of the parties' child, TJ (age 12) and that Petitioner shall have no visitation with TJ. The court also ordered Respondent to serve the instant RFO upon Petitioner no later than May 18, 2026; and ordered Petitioner to file a Responsive Declaration no later than May 22, 2026. Proof of service filed May 15, 2026, shows the RFO and temporary emergency orders (issued May 13, 2026) were both personally served upon Petitioner that same day.

A hearing on the instant RFO was originally set for May 27, 2026. On that date, the court referred the parties to a CCRC session set for June 30, 2026, and amended the temporary emergency orders as follows: (1) Petitioner is authorized to have phone/Facetime contact with TJ; and (2) Petitioner shall have non-professional supervised visitation with TJ two times per week for up to two hours per visit.

Petitioner has filed multiple documents in response to the RFO. On May 21, 2026, Petitioner submitted two separate filings: (1) a Responsive Declaration (Judicial Council form FL-320), signed by counsel on May 13, 2026, with Attachment One (IID Proof) attached thereto; and (2) an Addendum to FL-320, signed by counsel on May 13, 2026, with Attachment Two (Voluntary Monitoring Proof) attached thereto. Separate proofs of service, both filed May 21, 2026, shows that each of the aforementioned documents were personally served upon Respondent on May 13, 2026. On June 18, 2026, Petitioner submitted additional proofs of service showing that the FL-320 Response, Attachment One, and Attachment Two were personally served upon Respondent on June 18, 2026.

On May 26, 2026, Petitioner filed a Second Addendum to FL-320 with Attachments Three (Updated Proof of Voluntary Monitoring), Four (Sober Link Test Results), and Five (DUI Class Enrollment) attached thereto. To date, there is no proof of service in the court's file for Petitioner's May 26, 2026, filing.

The court is in receipt of a CCRC report dated July 06, 2026, a copy of which was mailed to both parties per the Clerk's Certificate of Mailing filed July 07, 2026.

On July 15, 2026, Respondent filed a Supplemental Declaration regarding the CCRC report. Proof of service filed July 15, 2026, shows the Supplemental Declaration was electronically served upon Petitioner that same day. In her supplemental declaration,

³ In an effort to create a clear record, the court notes there was a separate hearing held on May 13, 2026, related to the Respondent's RFO filed April 24, 2026. At the May 13 hearing, the court denied the April 24, 2026, RFO and terminated the temporary emergency orders that were then in place (said temporary emergency orders were imposed on April 24, 2026).

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Respondent indicates she feels the alcohol restrictions against Petitioner are not stringent enough because he can “get past” them (e.g., blow into the ignition interlock device and then drink while driving). Respondent further states she does not agree that any alcohol restrictions should apply to her. The court notes, however, that the alcohol restrictions were an agreement reached voluntarily between the parties at the CCRC session.

On July 17, 2026, Petitioner filed a Supplemental Declaration regarding the CCRC report, a copy of which was electronically served upon Respondent that same day according to the proof of service, also filed July 17, 2026. Petitioner disputes Respondent’s claims that he drinks and drives. Petitioner states he is eager to regain partial custody of the parties’ child and willing to do whatever it takes to comply with court orders related to his substance abuse issue.

The court finds that the agreements and recommendations of the CCRC report are in TJ’s best interest and therefore adopts them as the orders of the court. Additionally, the court will set a review hearing for October 21, 2026, and order the parties to each file a supplemental declaration no later than October 14, 2026, to update the court on child custody issues.

TENTATIVE RULING #6: THE COURT FINDS THE AGREEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE CCRC REPORT DATED JULY 06, 2026, TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PARTIES’ CHILD AND SO ADOPTS THEM AS THE ORDERS OF THE COURT. THE COURT ALSO SETS A REVIEW HEARING AT 8:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT 12. THE PARTIES SHALL EACH FILE A SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 14, 2026.

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.