

LAW & MOTION TENTATIVE RULINGS
DEPARTMENT 12
AUGUST 05, 2026
8:30 a.m.

1. ANDREW EAMES V. KATIE ROGERS

SFL20210104

This matter is before the court for a five-year dismissal hearing under Code of Civil Procedure section 583.310, which provides, “[a]n action shall be brought to trial within five years after the action is commenced against the defendant.” (Code Civ. Proc., § 583.310.) The action was filed on July 22, 2021.

It does not appear that notice of this five-year dismissal was served upon plaintiff for this hearing date and location. (Code Civ. Proc., § 583.360, subd. (a).) Therefore, the court, on its own motion, continues the hearing to 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 09, 2026, in Department 12 and directs the court clerk to serve notice of the continued hearing upon Plaintiff.

TENTATIVE RULING #1: THE COURT, ON ITS OWN MOTION, CONTINUES THE FIVE-YEAR DISMISSAL HEARING TO 8:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT 12 AND DIRECTS THE COURT CLERK TO SERVE NOTICE OF THE CONTINUED HEARING UPON THE PLAINTIFF.

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2. CARLOS FRANCISCO MORALES V. KEELY JORENE MORALES 25FL1243

This matter was continued from July 20, 2026, regarding the issues of attorney fees and adjustment of support arrears. The court directed the parties to meet and confer before the continued hearing.

On July 29, 2026, Petitioner filed a supplemental declaration, a copy of which was electronically served upon the Respondent that same day per the proof of service, also filed July 29, 2026.

**TENTATIVE RULING #2: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M.,
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3. EMMA GRIGORUK V. MICHAEL SMITH

22FL0632

This matter is before the court for (1) a Trial Setting Conference, as requested by the Respondent on April 21, 2026; and (2) hearing of the Request for Order (RFO) filed by the Respondent on May 08, 2026, to modify child custody and visitation.

The filing of the RFO prompted the court to refer the parties to a CCRC session set for June 25, 2026. To date, there is no proof of service for the RFO in the court's file. Further, the court is in receipt of a memorandum from the CCRC counselor dated June 25, 2026, indicating that neither party appeared at the CCRC session as scheduled (Petitioner reportedly contacted the CCRC counselor the day before the appointment stating she would not be able to attend because the parties' child was ill). Due to the lack of service, the court denies the RFO without prejudice.

On July 31, 2026, Petitioner filed a Responsive Declaration, a copy of which was served upon Respondent via mail on July 28, 2026, per the proof of service filed July 31, 2026.

In his request to set a Trial Setting Conference, Respondent indicated that the sole issue to be addressed at trial is property division. Appearances are required at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 05, 2026, in Department 12 to participate in the selection of Mandatory Settlement Conference and Trial dates.

TENTATIVE RULING #3: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 05, 2026, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION OF MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE AND TRIAL DATES, AND INQUIRE OF THE RESPONDENT REGARDING THE STATUS OF HIS REQUEST FOR ORDER.

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4. ERNESTO MAZAR KINDELAN V. KARI GILSON

24FL0826

This matter is before the court for hearing of the Request for Order (RFO) filed by the Petitioner on April 24, 2026, to modify child custody and visitation, and make other parenting-related orders. The filing of the RFO prompted the court to refer the parties to a CCRC session set for May 11, 2026. A hearing on the RFO was originally set for June 24, 2026.

Proof of service filed May 04, 2026, shows the RFO and supporting documents were electronically served upon Respondent on May 01, 2026.

On May 07, 2026, Respondent filed a request to reschedule the CCRC appointment and hearing date. The court granted Respondent's request. CCRC was re-set for June 22, 2026; and the hearing was continued to August 05, 2026.

On June 17, 2026, Petitioner filed "Supplemental Declaration No. 2 of [Petitioner] and Additional Evidence in Support of Request for Order filed April 24, 2026." Proof of service filed June 18, 2026, shows this declaration was electronically served upon Petitioner on June 17, 2026.

The court is in receipt of a CCRC report dated July 22, 2026, a copy of which was mailed to both parties that same day per the Clerk's Certificate of Mailing, also filed July 22, 2026.

On July 23, 2026, Respondent filed a Responsive Declaration (Judicial Council form FL-320) and a separate Declaration (Judicial Council form MC-030). Proof of service submitted July 23, 2026, shows both of these filings were electronically served upon Petitioner that same day.

On July 29, 2026, Petitioner filed a Declaration (Judicial Council form MC-030) concerning the CCRC report. Proof of service, also filed July 29, 2026, shows the declaration was electronically served upon Respondent that same day.

On July 30, 2026, Respondent filed an Opposition to Remote Proceeding at Evidentiary Hearing or Trial (Judicial Council form RA-015), a copy of which was electronically served upon Petitioner that same day per the proof of service, also filed July 30, 2026.

The CCRC report includes agreements of the parties on some issues and recommendations from the CCRC counselor on all remaining issues. The court finds the agreements and recommendations of the CCRC counselor to be in the best interests of the parties' children and so adopts them as the orders of the court.

TENTATIVE RULING #4: THE COURT FINDS THE AGREEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE CCRC REPORT DATED JULY 22, 2026, TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PARTIES' CHILDREN AND SO ADOPTS THEM AS THE ORDERS OF THE COURT.

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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.

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5. 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 Petitioner on July 15, 2026, to (1) modify child custody and visitation, (2) modify child and spousal support, (3) authorize Petitioner to access property, and (4) issue other parenting-related orders. Petitioner did not file an updated Income and Expense (I&E) declaration. However, the court notes that Petitioner's most recent I&E, filed June 16, 2026, remains current (assuming no facts have changed). (Cal. Rules Ct., R. 5.260, subd. (a)(3).)

The RFO included a request to shorten time, which the court granted. The court ordered Petitioner to serve the RFO no later than July 20, 2026, and ordered Respondent to file and serve a Responsive Declaration no later than July 29, 2026.

On July 17, 2026, Petitioner filed a supplemental interim declaration, a copy of which was served upon Respondent on July 16, 2026, per the proof of service attached to the declaration.

To date, there is no proof of service of the RFO in the court's file. Nonetheless, on July 24, 2026, Respondent filed a Responsive Declaration, a copy of which was served upon Petitioner that same day per the proof of service, also filed July 24, 2026. Apparently, Respondent re-filed the same Responsive Declaration on July 27, 2026. Based upon the Respondent's filings, the court deems Respondent to have waived any defect in notice.

On July 30, 2026, Respondent filed a "Supplemental Reply Declaration of [Respondent] ISO Request for Order Re. Deposit of Assets." Proof of service attached to the declaration shows it was electronically served upon Petitioner on July 30, 2026.

The court notes there is a separate hearing in this matter scheduled for August 06, 2026, regarding property issues. The court, on its own motion and in the interest of judicial economy, continues the instant hearing on Respondent's RFO filed July 15, 2026, to August 06, 2026, to be heard concurrently with the hearing on property issues.

Additionally, the court orders Respondent to file a current I&E no later than August 05, 2026 (to date, Respondent has not filed a current I&E in response to the pending RFO, which involves support issues).

TENTATIVE RULING #5: THE COURT, ON ITS OWN MOTION AND IN THE INTEREST OF JUDICIAL ECONOMY, CONTINUES THE HEARING ON RESPONDENT'S RFO (FILED JULY 15, 2026) TO 8:30 A.M., THURSDAY, AUGUST 06, 2026, TO BE HEARD CONCURRENTLY WITH THE HEARING REGARDING PROPERTY ISSUES. RESPONDENT IS ORDERED TO FILE AND SERVE A CURRENT INCOME AND EXPENSE DECLARATION NO LATER THAN AUGUST 05, 2026.

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6. MONIQUE INSHAW V. FRANCOIS INSHAW

23FL0924

This matter is before the court to reset a day of trial.

**TENTATIVE RULING #6: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M.,
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 05, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT 12 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
SELECTION OF AN ADDITIONAL DAY FOR TRIAL.**