

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

1. ARTHUR SCOTT AMOROSO V. DANIELLE DOLAN

SFL20190051

This matter is before the court for hearing of the Request for Order (RFO) filed by the Petitioner on July 24, 2026, to modify child custody and visitation. The RFO also included a request for temporary emergency orders, as well as an order shortening time. That same day, the court granted Petitioner temporary sole physical custody of the parties' minor child, SD (age 8), and denied Respondent visitation until further order of the court. The court also issued an order shortening time. The court ordered Petitioner to serve the RFO upon Respondent no later than July 29, 2026, and ordered Respondent to file a response no later than August 05, 2026.

Proof of service filed July 29, 2026, shows Petitioner personally served the RFO and supporting papers upon Respondent on July 28, 2026.

Respondent filed no response.

The court grants Petitioner's RFO in part. Petitioner shall have sole legal and physical custody of the child; Respondent shall have non-professionally supervised visitation (with a supervisor of Petitioner's choice) three times a week for up to two hours per visit, scheduled according to the parties' and supervisor's schedules. The court hereby sets a review hearing for December 16, 2026. The parties shall file and serve supplemental declarations on or before December 4, 2026, updating the court on the status of child custody and visitation. The court also invites Respondent to update the court on any substance abuse treatment (e.g., AA meetings).

TENTATIVE RULING #1: THE RFO IS GRANTED IN PART. PETITIONER SHALL HAVE SOLE LEGAL AND PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF THE PARTIES' CHILD, SD (AGE 8); RESPONDENT SHALL HAVE NON-PROFESSIONALLY SUPERVISED VISITATION (WITH A SUPERVISOR OF PETITIONER'S CHOICE) THREE TIMES A WEEK FOR UP TO TWO HOURS PER VISIT, SCHEDULED ACCORDING TO THE PARTIES' AND SUPERVISOR'S SCHEDULES. THE COURT HEREBY SETS A REVIEW HEARING FOR 8:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2026, IN DEPARTMENT 12. THE PARTIES SHALL FILE AND SERVE SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATIONS ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 4, 2026, UPDATING THE COURT ON THE STATUS OF CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION. THE COURT ALSO INVITES RESPONDENT TO UPDATE THE COURT ON ANY SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (E.G., AA MEETINGS).

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

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2. BRANDON CASKEY V. DAWN CASKEY

26FL0706

This matter is before the court for hearing of the Request for Order (RFO) filed by the Petitioner on July 24, 2026, to (1) modify child custody and visitation, (2) modify child and spousal support, (3) award attorney fees and costs, (4) authorize immediate sale of the marital residence, and (5) set aside the temporary Domestic Violence Restraining Order (DVRO) issued in the related case, El Dorado Superior Court Case No. 26FL0537, on July 14, 2026.¹ The RFO also included a request for temporary emergency orders, which the court denied, and a request to shorten time, which the court granted. The court ordered Petitioner to serve the RFO and ex parte orders upon Respondent no later than July 29, 2026, and ordered Respondent to file a responsive declaration no later than August 05, 2026.

On July 23, 2026, Petitioner filed an Income and Expense Declaration (I&E), a copy of which was served upon Cambridge Legal — Respondent's attorney of record in Case No. 26FL0537 — by mail and email that same day. Respondent has not appeared in the instant case and thus, has no attorney of record in this case. Therefore, service of the I&E upon Cambridge Legal does not constitute valid service upon Respondent in this case.

Similarly, proof of service attached to the RFO shows the moving papers were served upon Cambridge Legal only by mail and email on July 23, 2026. There is no valid proof of service of the RFO upon Respondent in this case. And, even if Cambridge Legal was Respondent's attorney of record in the instant case, there is no proof of service for the court's order shortening time or the court's order denying Petitioner's request for temporary emergency orders.

Respondent filed no Responsive Declaration.

Due to the lack of valid service upon Respondent, the court denies Petitioner's RFO without prejudice.

TENTATIVE RULING #2: DUE TO THE LACK OF VALID SERVICE UPON RESPONDENT IN THIS CASE, THE COURT DENIES PETITIONER'S RFO 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

¹ It appears that Petitioner's request to set aside the temporary DVRO in Case No. 26FL0537 would need to be filed in that case. The court notes there is a hearing in Case No. 26FL0537 currently scheduled for October 22, 2025.

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3. NICOLE COOLEY V. IAN COOLEY

23FL0862

This matter is before the court for a review hearing. On July 08, 2026, the court re-referred the parties to a CCRC session set for July 21, 2026, and ordered the parties to submit any supplemental declarations on or before August 07, 2026.

The court is in receipt of a CCRC report dated July 21, 2026, a copy of which was mailed to both parties on July 22, 2026, per the Clerk's Certificate of Mailing filed that day.

The CCRC report includes a full agreement between the parties. Although the agreement is not signed by the parties, the court has received no supplemental declarations indicating there have been any changes to the agreement. The court finds the agreement to be in the best interests of the parties' children and so adopts the agreement as the orders of the court. Any prior order not modified by the agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

TENTATIVE RULING #3: THE COURT ADOPTS THE AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES IN THE CCRC REPORT DATED JULY 21, 2026, AS THE ORDERS OF THE COURT. ANY PRIOR ORDER NOT MODIFIED BY SAID AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

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4. SAVANNA ARNETT V. GAVIN NISHIHARA

25FL1181

This matter is on calendar to confirm whether the parties will proceed with trial without first having their children interviewed by the CCRC counsellor. Trial is set for August 13, 2026.

TENTATIVE RULING #4: APPEARANCES ARE REQUIRED AT 8:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026, TO CONFIRM WHETHER TRIAL SET FOR AUGUST 13, 2026, WILL PROCEED WITHOUT FIRST HAVING THE PARTIES' CHILDREN INTERVIEWED BY THE CCRC COUNSELLOR.

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5. TINA WALLICK V. MICHAEL SHOTT

SFL20110036

This matter is before the court for review related to the Petitioner's Request for Order (RFO) filed December 15, 2025. On April 15, 2026, the court adopted the recommendations of the CCRC report dated April 01, 2026, as modified in the court's tentative ruling issued April 14, 2026, and ordered the parties to file any supplemental declarations on or before August 02, 2026.

To date, no supplemental declaration has been filed. Accordingly, the court's April 15, 2026, order will remain in effect and the court will drop the instant review hearing from the calendar.

The court notes that it ordered the Respondent to prepare and submit the Findings and Orders after Hearing (FOAH) related to the April 15, 2026, hearing for the court's review and signature. To date, this has not been completed. Therefore, the court re-orders Respondent to prepare the FOAH related to the April 15, 2026, hearing.

TENTATIVE RULING #5: MATTER IS DROPPED FROM THE CALENDAR. THE COURT RE-ORDERS RESPONDENT TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS AFTER HEARING (FOAH) RELATED TO THE APRIL 15, 2026, HEARING FOR THE COURT'S REVIEW AND SIGNATURE.