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1. FLETCHER C. ALFORD V. SHARI COVINGTON

25FL0047

On February 6, 2026, Petitioner filed a Request for Order (RFO) seeking custody and visitation orders. All required documents were served on February 9, 2026.

Because the RFO was originally filed *ex parte*, Respondent filed a Responsive Declaration to Request for Order on February 5, 2026.

On April 17th, Petitioner filed a Declaration of Fletcher C. Alford, a Declaration of Attorney, and a Notice of Intent to Present Oral Testimony. The court finds Petitioner's declaration and that of his attorney to be late filed pursuant to Civil Procedure section 1005(b) which states all reply papers are to be filed at least five court days before the hearing date. Section 12c states, "[w]here any law requires an act to be performed no later than a specified number of days before a hearing date, the last day to perform that act shall be determined by counting backward from the hearing date, *excluding the day of the hearing* as provided by Section 12." Cal. Civ. Pro. § 12c. Section 1005(b) in conjunction with Section 12c would have made April 16th the last day for filing and service of a reply declaration therefore these documents are late and have not been considered.

A Declaration of Shari Covington was filed on April 21st. There is no Proof of Service for this document. Instead, there is a Proof of Service for a document identified as "Respondent's Reply to Petitioner's late filed declaration." It is unclear if this is the same document. Given the defect in service, and the untimeliness of this document, the court has not read or considered it.

In addition to the pending *ex parte*, this matter is before the court for receipt and review of the 3111 report. After reviewing the court's file, it appears the 3111 report has not been completed or filed with the court.

Petitioner is requesting sole legal and sole physical custody of the minors. He asks that Respondent only have visits with the minors as agreed upon by the parties. He further asks that the court order the custody evaluator to expand the scope of his evaluation to include Respondent's recent unexpected health event and an order for Respondent to provide Petitioner and the custody evaluator any medical information reasonably necessary to understand the nature, diagnosis, prognosis and impact of Respondent's recent hospitalization.

Respondent asks that the current custody orders remain in place but she does not object to review of the issue through the existing 3111 evaluation.

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The request to expand the scope of the 3111 evaluation is granted. Respondent is ordered to provide Petitioner, Petitioner's counsel, and the custody evaluator any medical information which is reasonably requested by the evaluator to understand the nature, diagnosis, and impact of Respondent's recent hospitalization on her ability to safely and effectively parent the children. All prior orders regarding custody and visitation remain in full force and effect pending the completion of the 3111 evaluation.

Given that the parties are set for trial in August on the issues of custody, the court is not setting a further review hearing for receipt and review of the 3111 report.

Petitioner is directed to prepare the Findings and Orders After Hearing (FOAH); however, this order is effective immediately upon the court's adoption of the tentative ruling and is not conditioned on the preparation of the FOAH.

TENTATIVE RULING #1: THE REQUEST TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE 3111 EVALUATION IS GRANTED. RESPONDENT IS ORDERED TO PROVIDE PETITIONER, PETITIONER'S COUNSEL, AND THE CUSTODY EVALUATOR ANY MEDICAL INFORMATION WHICH IS REASONABLY REQUESTED BY THE EVALUATOR TO UNDERSTAND THE NATURE, DIAGNOSIS, AND IMPACT OF RESPONDENT'S RECENT HOSPITALIZATION ON HER ABILITY TO SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY PARENT THE CHILDREN. ALL PRIOR ORDERS REGARDING CUSTODY AND VISITATION REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THE 3111 EVALUATION.

GIVEN THAT THE PARTIES ARE SET FOR TRIAL IN AUGUST ON THE ISSUES OF CUSTODY, THE COURT IS NOT SETTING A FURTHER REVIEW HEARING FOR RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF THE 3111 REPORT.

PETITIONER IS DIRECTED TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS AFTER HEARING (FOAH); HOWEVER, THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE COURT'S ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE RULING AND IS NOT CONDITIONED ON THE PREPARATION OF THE FOAH.

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2 & 3. KARA BLANKENSHIP V. ADAM BLANKENSHIP

25FL0210 & 25FL0233

On March 5, 2025, Petitioner filed a Request for Domestic Violence Restraining Order (DVRO). A Temporary DVRO was granted on July 1, 2025 naming Petitioner and the children as protected parties. The parties were ordered to attend Child Custody Recommending Counseling (CCRC) and a review hearing was set on the issues of custody and visitation. Thereafter, on June 30, 2025, Petitioner filed a Request for Order (RFO) also seeking custody and visitation orders. On October 2, 2025, Minors' Counsel filed an ex parte application for emergency visitation orders, seeking a suspension in Respondent's parenting time.

On January 15, 2026, the parties appeared before the court for hearing on all issues. At that time the parties reached agreements on custody and visitation with a review hearing set for the present date. The parties agreed to continue Petitioner's request for child and spousal support and Petitioner's request for attorney's fees and costs to join with the review hearing.

On April 7, 2026, Minors' Counsel filed and served Minors [sic] Counsel Statement.

The Department of Child Support Services filed and served its Responsive Declaration to Request for Order on April 7, 2026.

On April 13th, Respondent filed and served an Income and Expense Declaration, a Responsive Declaration to Request for Order, and two Memorandums of Points and Authorities.

Also on April 13th, Petitioner filed and served her Income and Expense Declaration, a Declaration of Attorney Joshua Stutz, and a Supplemental Declaration of Petitioner.

TENTATIVE RULING #2 & 3: PARTIES ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR FOR THE HEARING.

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4. JENNIFER DANIELS V. JOSE CARRERO

PFL20170812

On February 5, 2026, Petitioner filed an Order to Show Cause and Affidavit for Contempt (OSC) alleging violations of the court's custody and visitation orders. Respondent was personally served with the RFO the same day.

The parties are ordered to appear for the arraignment.

TENTATIVE RULING #4: THE PARTIES ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR FOR THE ARRAIGNMENT.

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5. AN MARY DIAZ V. IVAN DEMETRIO LEON DIAZ

25FL0092

Petitioner filed a Requested for Order (RFO) on October 31, 2025, seeking child and spousal support. She concurrently filed an Income and Expense Declaration. Respondent was electronically served on November 10, 2025.

Respondent filed his Income and Expense Declaration on January 20, 2026 and his Income and Expense Declaration on January 26, 2026. Due to a procedural error, the matter was continued to the present date.

On April 9th, Respondent filed and served a Supplemental Declaration of Respondent and his updated Income and Expense Declaration.

Petitioner filed and served her updated Income and Expense Declaration on April 15th. She filed and served a Declaration of Attorney & Memorandum of Points & Authorities on April 17th.

Petitioner is requesting child and spousal support back to the date of filing the Petition. She asks that support be set to \$0 until August 1, 2025, which is the first full month the parties did not reside together. She also requests equal division of child support add-ons.

Respondent asks that Petitioner be imputed with full-time income at \$106 per hour plus health insurance, retirement, and parking. He asks that the court deny the request for retroactive child support and order shared childcare costs only after the right of first refusal has been given and Respondent's mother is also not available to provide childcare. Finally, he asks the court to deny spousal support in its entirety or, alternatively, set a termination date due to the short term nature of the marriage.

An award of temporary spousal support lies solely within the trial court's discretion regarding each party's respective need and ability to pay. See Marriage of Tong & Samson, 197 Cal. App. 4th 23, 29 (2011). As discussed by both parties in their respective briefs, support may be reduced based on the imputation of income. The amount of income imputed is to be based on that spouse's measurable earning capacity which is determined by (1) the ability of the spouse to earn consistent with the spouse's health, age, education, marketable skills, and employment history; and (2) the opportunity available for employment. In re Marriage of Simpson, 4 Cal. 4th 225 (1992). Here, the court is not persuaded by Respondent's argument that Petitioner is underemployed when he too is not working the standard 40 hour (or 36 in the medical profession) workweek. If anything, the

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court would be inclined to impute both parties with full-time income based on their present earnings however the court is concerned that doing so may result in a shortfall in the amount of support actually being paid which certainly would not be in the best interests of the children. That said, the court is adopting the Xspouse report attached as Exhibit B to the Declaration of Attorney & Memorandum of Points & Authorities filed by Petitioner on April 17, 2026.

Utilizing the same figures as outlined in Petitioner's Exhibit B, the court finds that child support is \$814 per month and spousal support per the Alameda formula is \$524 per month. Respondent is ordered to pay Petitioner \$1,338 per month as and for child support and temporary spousal support, payable on the 1st of the month until further order of the court or legal termination. This order is effective as of November 1, 2025.

The court finds the above order results in arrears in the amount of \$8,028 through and including April 1, 2026. The court orders Respondent pay Petitioner \$669 on the 15th of each month commencing on May 15, 2026 and continuing until paid in full (approximately 12 months). If any payment is late or missed the remaining balance is due in full with legal interest within five (5) days.

In addition to the foregoing monthly support payments, the parties are ordered to equally share in any uninsured medical care costs for the children and childcare costs when such costs are incurred as a result of employment or necessary education for employment. The parties are ordered to follow the procedures set forth in the attached FL-192.

Each party shall claim one minor child for tax purposes. The parties are to meet and confer to agree upon who will claim which child. If they cannot agree, the parties are to alternate claiming the children. Petitioner to claim the younger child on even tax years and the older child on odd tax years. Respondent to claim the younger child on odd tax years and the older child on even tax years.

Petitioner is directed to prepare the Findings and Orders After Hearing (FOAH); however, this order is effective immediately upon the court's adoption of the tentative ruling and is not conditioned on the preparation of the FOAH.

TENTATIVE RULING #5: THE COURT IS ADOPTING THE XSPOUSE REPORT ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT B TO THE DECLARATION OF ATTORNEY & MEMORANDUM OF POINTS & AUTHORITIES FILED BY PETITIONER ON APRIL 17, 2026.

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UTILIZING THE SAME FIGURES AS OUTLINED IN PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT B, THE COURT FINDS THAT CHILD SUPPORT IS \$814 PER MONTH AND SPOUSAL SUPPORT PER THE ALAMEDA FORMULA IS \$524 PER MONTH. RESPONDENT IS ORDERED TO PAY PETITIONER \$1,338 PER MONTH AS AND FOR CHILD SUPPORT AND TEMPORARY SPOUSAL SUPPORT, PAYABLE ON THE 1ST OF THE MONTH UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT OR LEGAL TERMINATION. THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2025.

THE COURT FINDS THE ABOVE ORDER RESULTS IN ARREARS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,028 THROUGH AND INCLUDING APRIL 1, 2026. THE COURT ORDERS RESPONDENT PAY PETITIONER \$669 ON THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH COMMENCING ON MAY 15, 2026 AND CONTINUING UNTIL PAID IN FULL (APPROXIMATELY 12 MONTHS). IF ANY PAYMENT IS LATE OR MISSED THE REMAINING BALANCE IS DUE IN FULL WITH LEGAL INTEREST WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS.

IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING MONTHLY SUPPORT PAYMENTS, THE PARTIES ARE ORDERED TO EQUALLY SHARE IN ANY UNINSURED MEDICAL CARE COSTS FOR THE CHILDREN AND CHILDCARE COSTS WHEN SUCH COSTS ARE INCURRED AS A RESULT OF EMPLOYMENT OR NECESSARY EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT. THE PARTIES ARE ORDERED TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED FL-192.

EACH PARTY SHALL CLAIM ONE MINOR CHILD FOR TAX PURPOSES. THE PARTIES ARE TO MEET AND CONFER TO AGREE UPON WHO WILL CLAIM WHICH CHILD. IF THEY CANNOT AGREE, THE PARTIES ARE TO ALTERNATE CLAIMING THE CHILDREN. PETITIONER TO CLAIM THE YOUNGER CHILD ON EVEN TAX YEARS AND THE OLDER CHILD ON ODD TAX YEARS. RESPONDENT TO CLAIM THE YOUNGER CHILD ON ODD TAX YEARS AND THE OLDER CHILD ON EVEN TAX YEARS.

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING CHILD SUPPORT

Childcare and Health Care Costs and Reimbursement Procedures

Your child support order may include a provision for payment of childcare or uninsured health care costs. Childcare costs may be included as part of the monthly child support payment or reimbursable as a percentage of the costs. If the childcare costs are included as part of the monthly child support payment, you must pay that amount each month until the court changes (modifies) the child support order. If you need to change your child support order because there has been a change in the cost of childcare, see page 2.

If you have a child support order that includes a provision for the reimbursement of a percentage of childcare costs or a portion of the child's or children's health care costs and those costs are not paid by insurance, the **law says**:

1. **Notice.** You must give the other parent an itemized statement of the charges that have been billed for any childcare costs or health care costs not paid by insurance. You must give this statement to the other parent within a reasonable time, but no more than 90 days after those costs were given to you.
2. **Proof of full payment.** If you have already paid all of the childcare costs or uninsured health care costs, you must (1) give the other parent proof that you paid them and (2) ask for reimbursement for the other parent's court-ordered share of those costs.
3. **Proof of partial payment.** If you have paid only your share of the childcare costs or uninsured health care costs, you must (1) give the other parent proof that you paid your share, (2) ask that the other parent pay his or her share of the costs directly to the childcare or health care provider, and (3) give the other parent the information necessary for that parent to be able to pay the bill.
4. **Payment by notified parent.** If you receive notice from a parent that a childcare or uninsured health care cost has been incurred, you must pay your share of that cost within the time the court orders; or if the court has not specified a period of time, you must make payment (1) within 30 days from the time you were given notice of the amount due, (2) according to any payment schedule set by the health care provider, (3) according to a schedule agreed to in writing by you and the other parent, or (4) according to a schedule adopted by the court.
5. **Going to court.** Sometimes parents get into disagreements about childcare and health care costs. If you and the other parent cannot resolve the situation after talking about it, you can request that the court make a decision.
- a. **Disputed requests for payment.** If you dispute a request for payment made by the other parent, you may file a request for the court to resolve the dispute, but only if you pay the requested amount before filing your request.
- b. **Nonpayment.** If you claim that the other parent has failed to pay you back for a payment, or they have failed to make a payment to the provider after proper notice, you may file a request for the court to resolve the dispute.
- c. **Paid charges.** The court will presume that if uninsured health care costs or childcare costs for employment or necessary training for job skills have been paid, those costs were reasonable. If you want to dispute paid charges, you will have to show the court that the costs were unreasonable.
- d. **Attorney's fees.** If the court decides one parent has been unreasonable, it can order that parent to pay the other parent's attorney's fees and costs.
- e. **Court forms.** Use forms [FL-300](#) and [FL-490](#) to get a court date. See form [FL-300-INFO](#) for information about completing, filing, and serving your court papers.
6. **Court-ordered insurance coverage.** If a parent provides health care insurance as ordered by the court, that insurance must be used at all times to the extent that it is available for health care costs.
 - a. **Burden to prove.** The parent claiming that the coverage is inadequate to meet the child's needs has the burden of proving that to the court.
 - b. **Cost of additional coverage.** If a parent purchases health care insurance in addition to that ordered by the court, that parent must pay all the costs of the additional coverage. In addition, if a parent uses alternative coverage that costs more than the coverage provided by court order, that parent must pay the difference.
7. **Preferred health providers.** If the court-ordered coverage designates a preferred health care provider, that provider must be used at all times consistent with the terms of the health insurance policy. When any parent uses a health care provider other than the preferred provider, any health care costs that would have been paid by the preferred health provider if that provider had been used must be the sole responsibility of the parent incurring those costs.
8. **Need help?** Contact the family law facilitator in your county or call your county's bar association and ask for an experienced family lawyer.

Information Sheet on Changing a Child Support Order

General Info

The court has made a child support order in your case. This order will remain the same unless one of the parents requests that the support be changed (modified). An order for child support can be modified by filing a request to change child support and serving the other parent. If both parents agree on a new child support amount, they can complete, sign, and file with the court a *Stipulation to Establish or Modify Child Support and Order* (form [FL-350](#)). (**Note:** If the local child support agency is involved in your case, it must be served with any request to change child support and approve any agreement.)

Online Self-Help Guide

For more information about how child support works, visit: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/child-support>.

When a Child Support Order May Be Changed

The court considers several things when ordering the payment of child support.

- First, the number of children is considered, along with the percentage of time each parent has physical custody of the children.
- Next, the net disposable incomes of both parents are determined (which is how much money is left each month after taxes and certain other items like health insurance, union dues, or other child support ordered and paid are subtracted from a parent's paycheck). The court can also look at a parent's earning ability.
- The court considers both parents' tax filing status and may consider hardships, such as the cost of raising the parent's child from another relationship who lives with the parent.

A parent can request to change an existing order for child support when circumstances change significantly. For example if the net disposable income of one of the parents changes, parenting time changes, or a new child is born.

Examples

- You have been ordered to pay \$500 per month in child support. You lose your job. You will continue to owe \$500 per month, plus 10 percent interest on any unpaid support, unless you file a motion to modify your child support to a lower amount and the court orders a reduction.
- You are currently receiving \$300 per month in child support from the other parent, whose net income has just increased substantially. You will continue to receive \$300 per month unless you file a motion to modify your child support to a higher amount and the court orders an increase.
- You are paying child support based on having physical custody of your children 30 percent of the time. After several months it turns out that you actually have physical custody of the children 50 percent of the time. You may file a motion to modify child support to a lower amount.

How to Change a Child Support Order

To change a child support order, you must file papers with the court. *Remember:* You must follow the order you have now.

What forms do I need?

If you are asking to change a child support order, you must fill out one of these forms:

- Form [FL-300](#), *Request for Order* **or**
- Form [FL-390](#), *Notice of Motion and Motion for Simplified Modification of Order for Child, Spousal, or Family Support*

You must also fill out one of these forms, and attach proof of income for the past two months (like your paycheck stubs):

- Form [FL-150](#), *Income and Expense Declaration* **or**
- Form [FL-155](#), *Financial Statement (Simplified)*

What if I am not sure which forms to fill out?

Contact the family law facilitator in your county. You can find them here: www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-facilitators.htm.

After you fill out the forms, file them with the court clerk and ask for a hearing date. Write the hearing date on the form. The clerk may ask you to pay a filing fee. If you cannot afford the fee, fill out these forms, too:

- Form [FW-001](#), *Request to Waive Court Fees* **and**
- Form [FW-003](#), *Order on Court Fee Waiver (Superior Court)*

You must serve the other parent. If the local child support agency is involved, serve it too.

- This means someone 18 or over—not you—must deliver copies of your filed court forms to the other parent, at least **16 court days** before the hearing. Add **5 calendar days** if delivered by mail within California (see Code of Civil Procedure section 1005 for other situations).
- **Court days** are weekdays when the court is open for business (Monday through Friday except court holidays). **Calendar days** include all days of the month, including weekends and holidays. To find court holidays, go to: www.courts.ca.gov/holidays.htm.

Blank copies of both of these forms must also be served:

- Form [FL-320](#), *Responsive Declaration to Request for Order*
- Form [FL-150](#), *Income and Expense Declaration*

Then the server fills out and signs a *Proof of Service*. Take this form, plus one copy, to the clerk and file it at least one week before your hearing.

Go to your hearing and ask the judge to change the support. Bring your tax returns from the last two years and your proof of income for the past two months (like your paycheck stubs). The judge will look at your information, listen to both parents, and make an order. After the hearing, fill out:

- Form [FL-340](#), *Findings and Order After Hearing* **and**
- Form [FL-342](#), *Child Support Information and Order Attachment*

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Information About Child Support for Incarcerated or Confined Parents

1. Child support. As of September 27, 2022, child support automatically stops if the parent who has to pay is confined against their will for more than 90 days in a row in jail, prison, juvenile detention, a mental health facility, or other institution.

Exception. Child support does not automatically stop if the parent who has to pay has money available to pay child support.

2. Past confinement. Child support also automatically stops during past confinement if it was ordered from October 8, 2015, through December 31, 2019, or January 1, 2021, through September 26, 2022, and the parent who has to pay was confined for more than 90 days in a row during the same time frame.

Exceptions for past confinement. Child support does not automatically stop if the parent who has to pay was in jail or prison for failing to pay child support or for domestic violence against the other parent or the child, or if they had money available to pay support.

3. Timing. The date child support automatically restarts will depend on the parent's release date. If you need to change your child support order, see page 2.

- a. If released before January 1, 2024,** child support automatically restarts the first day of the first full month after the parent is released.
- b. If released after January 1, 2024,** child support will automatically restart the first day of the 10th month after the parent is released.

Employment before the 10-month period ends: If the parent who has to pay support starts working before the date child support is set to automatically restart, the person who is owed support or the local child support agency can request the court restart the child support order early. The court may order a different amount of child support if appropriate.

4. More info. For more information about child support and incarcerated parents, see [Family Code section 4007.5](#) or go to <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/child-support/incarcerated-parent>.

You can also contact the family law facilitator in your county and can find them here: www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-facilitators.htm.

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6. KRISTIN ESTRELLA V. ADOLFO ESTRELLA JR.

26FL0016

On January 30, 2026, Petitioner filed a Request for Order (RFO) seeking spousal support, attorney's fees, an order to sale the family residence and terminate the trust. She filed her Income and Expense Declaration concurrently therewith. All required documents were served on February 3rd.

Respondent filed his Income and Expense Declaration on April 15th. He filed his Responsive Declaration to Request for Order on April 16th. The court finds this to be late filed pursuant to Civil Procedure section 1005(b) which states all opposition papers are to be filed at least nine court days before the hearing date. Section 12c states, "[w]here any law requires an act to be performed no later than a specified number of days before a hearing date, the last day to perform that act shall be determined by counting backward from the hearing date, *excluding the day of the hearing* as provided by Section 12." Cal. Civ. Pro. § 12c. Section 1005(b) in conjunction with Section 12c would have made April 10th the last day for filing the Responsive Declaration to Request for Order therefore the document is late filed and the court has not read or considered it.

Petitioner is requesting guideline spousal support and \$10,000 in need-based attorney's fees. She further requests that the marital residence be listed for sale and the family trust be terminated. She asks that the real property located at 7074 Sinclair Drive in Shingle Springs be returned to her name alone.

Petitioner estimates Respondent's income is over \$300,000 per year. However, according to Respondent's Income and Expense Declaration, his prior employment terminated on April 3, 2026. According to Petitioner's Income and Expense Declaration she too is unemployed. In light of the foregoing, the court is setting spousal support to \$0. Additionally, the request for attorney's fees is denied as the court does not find either a disparity in income or Respondent's ability to pay for the fees of both parties.

The court is reserving jurisdiction over the request to terminate the trust, return the Sinclair Drive home to Petitioner's name alone, and to sale the marital residence. The parties are ordered to ensure that all mortgage payments on the home continue to be made timely.

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TENTATIVE RULING #6: SPOUSAL SUPPORT IS SET AT \$0. THE REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES IS DENIED.

THE COURT IS RESERVING JURISDICTION OVER THE REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE TRUST, RETURN THE SINCLAIR DRIVE HOME TO PETITIONER'S NAME ALONE, AND TO SALE THE MARITAL RESIDENCE. THE PARTIES ARE ORDERED TO ENSURE THAT ALL MORTGAGE PAYMENTS ON THE HOME CONTINUE TO BE MADE TIMELY.

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7. GABRIEL GIAMANCO V. MONIFA GIAMANCO

PFL20210240

On January 27, 2026, Petitioner filed an Order to Show Cause and Affidavit for Contempt (OSC) alleging 15 violations of custody orders. Respondent was personally served on February 24, 2026. Minor's Counsel was not served.

This matter is dropped from calendar due to lack of proper service as Minor's Counsel was not served. All parties to the action are to be served with requests filed with the court.

TENTATIVE RULING #7: THIS MATTER IS DROPPED FROM CALENDAR DUE TO LACK OF PROPER SERVICE AS MINOR'S COUNSEL WAS NOT SERVED. ALL PARTIES TO THE ACTION ARE TO BE SERVED WITH REQUESTS FILED WITH THE COURT.

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8. ASHLEY HIGHTREE V. JEFFREY MCQUARY

25FL0021

On November 13, 2025, Petitioner filed a Request for Order (RFO) seeking custody and visitation orders as well as child support orders. She filed her Income and Expense Declaration concurrently therewith and the parties were referred to Child Custody Recommending Counseling (CCRC). Both documents were served on November 18, 2025, however there is no indication that the CCRC referral was served and Respondent did not appear at the scheduled CCRC appointment.

On December 19, 2025, Petitioner filed and served a Declaration of Ashley Hightree in Support of Request for Visitation Orders.

The parties attended CCRC on March 13, 2026 and were able to reach agreements as to custody and visitation. A report codifying those agreements was prepared and mailed to the parties the same day.

On March 25th, Petitioner filed another RFO seeking attorney's fees and a continuance of the trial date. She concurrently filed a Declaration of Attorney Rebecca Esty-Burke in Support of Petitioner's Request for Order. All required documents, with the exception of the Notice of the Tentative Ruling, were served on April 8th. While this generally would have been untimely service, Petitioner obtained ex parte leave to have the matter heard on a shortened basis. The request was granted and Respondent's time to file a responsive declaration was extended to April 20th.

Respondent filed and served a Responsive Declaration to Request for Order on April 14th.

Respondent filed another Responsive Declaration to Request for Order on April 16th though there is no Proof of Service for this document therefore the court has not read or considered it.

After reviewing the filings as outlined above, the court finds the agreements contained in the March 13, 2026 CCRC report to be in the best interests of the minor. They are hereby adopted as the orders of the court.

Moving to the issue of child support, "[f]or all hearings involving child, spousal, or domestic partner support, both parties must complete, file, and serve a current Income and Expense Declaration." Cal. Rule Ct. 5.260(1); See *also* Cal. Fam. Code §2100. "Current" means the form has been completed within the past three months providing no facts have changed." Cal. Rule Ct. 5.260(3). Here, while Petitioner did file her Income and

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Expense Declaration with her initial moving papers, however the declaration is now out of date and she has not filed an updated one. Accordingly, the request for child support is denied without prejudice.

Likewise, the request for need-based attorney's fees is also denied without prejudice. A request for attorney's fees under Section 2030 requires the court to make findings as to a disparity in income and ability to pay. To assist the court in making such findings, the requesting party is to provide the court with a current Income and Expense Declaration. Without that the court cannot make the required determinations and the request is therefore denied without prejudice.

The request to vacate the trial date is granted. The trial, which is currently set to commence on June 1, 2026, and the corresponding May 11th settlement, are both vacated. The court is not rescheduling either date at this time given the pending bankruptcy proceedings.

Petitioner is directed to prepare the Findings and Orders After Hearing (FOAH); however, this order is effective immediately upon the court's adoption of the tentative ruling and is not conditioned on the preparation of the FOAH.

TENTATIVE RULING #8: THE REQUESTS FOR CHILD SUPPORT AND ATTORNEY'S FEES ARE DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE DUE TO PETITIONER'S FAILURE TO FILE A CURRENT INCOME AND EXPENSE DECLARATION. THE COURT IS ADOPTING THE AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES AS STATED IN THE MARCH 13, 2026 CCRC REPORT AS THE ORDERS OF THE COURT. THE REQUEST TO VACATE THE TRIAL DATE IS GRANTED. THE TRIAL, WHICH IS CURRENTLY SET TO COMMENCE ON JUNE 1, 2026, AND THE CORRESPONDING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE, WHICH IS SCHEDULED OF MAY 11, 2026, ARE BOTH VACATED. THE COURT IS NOT RESCHEDULING EITHER DATE AT THIS TIME GIVEN THE PENDING BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

PETITIONER IS DIRECTED TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS AFTER HEARING (FOAH); HOWEVER, THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE COURT'S ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE RULING AND IS NOT CONDITIONED ON THE PREPARATION OF THE FOAH.

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9. SARAH MACCHIA V. GEORGE MACCHIA

22FL1202

Petitioner filed a Request for Order (RFO) on February 6, 2026 seeking spousal support. The RFO was personally served along with the Notice of Tentative Ruling on March 27th. Petitioner filed her Income and Expense Declaration on February 2nd, however there is no Proof of Service for this document therefore the court cannot consider it.

“For all hearings involving child, spousal, or domestic partner support, both parties must complete, file, and serve a current Income and Expense Declaration.” Cal. Rule Ct. 5.260(1); See *also* Cal. Fam. Code §2100. The party requesting support shall file and serve their Income and Expense Declaration with the initial moving papers. El Dorado Sup. Ct. Rule 8.03.01. Here, while Petitioner did file an Income and Expense Declaration days prior to filing her RFO, because it was never served, the court cannot consider it and therefore it does not satisfy the procedural requirements as set forth in Rules of Court rule 5.260(1), Family Code § 2100, and County Rule 8.03.01. Accordingly, the RFO is denied due to failure to serve the required documents.

TENTATIVE RULING #9: THE RFO IS DENIED DUE TO FAILURE TO SERVE THE REQUIRED INCOME AND EXPENSE DECLARATION.

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10. KATHRYN MCDONALD V. JOHN MCDONALD

PFL20210430

On February 5, 2026, Respondent filed a Request for Order (RFO) seeking enforcement and clarification of the court's prior orders regarding pediatrician selection.

On February 6, 2026, Respondent filed another RFO seeking child support orders. He did not file his Income and Expense Declaration concurrently with the RFO. Additionally, both RFOs were served electronically in violation of Family Code § 215 which mandates personal service of post-judgment requests.

On February 10th, Respondent filed his Supplemental Declaration in Support of Request for Enforcement and Sanctions. He filed his Income and Expense Declaration on April 6th. Both documents were electronically served on the 6th.

Petitioner filed and served her Income and Expense Declaration on April 3rd. She filed and served a responsive declaration to each of the pending RFOs on April 6th. On April 7th, she filed an Objection to Respondent's Income and Expense Declaration and Request it be Sealed. She filed and served a supplemental declaration on April 10th.

"For all hearings involving child, spousal, or domestic partner support, both parties must complete, file, and serve a current Income and Expense Declaration." Cal. Rule Ct. 5.260(1); *See also* Cal. Fam. Code §2100. The party requesting support shall file and serve their Income and Expense Declaration with the initial moving papers. El Dorado Sup. Ct. Rule 8.03.01.

Here, Respondent's April 6th Income and Expense Declaration was filed well after the deadline and cannot be considered for purposes of ruling on the RFO. That said, Petitioner's request to file the Income and Expense Declaration under seal is granted. The court finds that the declaration does contain sensitive financial information and as such the clerk of the court is directed to file it in the confidential portion of the court's file. The February 6th RFO is denied without prejudice for failure to file the requisite paperwork.

Regarding the February 5th RFO, it is unclear what exactly Respondent is requesting. The cover sheet states "enforcement and clarification of existing pediatrician selection order" but Respondent fails to specify what exactly he feels is unclear about the prior order and what measures he is requesting the court take in order to enforce the pediatrician selection process. For these reasons, the RFO is denied.

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Respondent is directed to prepare the Findings and Orders After Hearing (FOAH); however, this order is effective immediately upon the court's adoption of the tentative ruling and is not conditioned on the preparation of the FOAH.

TENTATIVE RULING #10: RESPONDENT'S FEBRUARY 5, 2026 RFO IS DENIED DUE TO RESPONDENT'S FAILURE TO SPECIFY THE REQUESTED RELIEF. RESPONDENT'S FEBRUARY 6TH RFO IS DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE DUE TO FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE HIS INCOME AND EXPENSE DECLARATION. PETITIONER'S REQUEST TO FILE THE INCOME AND EXPENSE DECLARATION UNDER SEAL IS GRANTED. THE COURT FINDS THAT THE DECLARATION DOES CONTAIN SENSITIVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND AS SUCH THE CLERK OF THE COURT IS DIRECTED TO FILE IT IN THE CONFIDENTIAL PORTION OF THE COURT'S FILE.

RESPONDENT IS DIRECTED TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS AFTER HEARING (FOAH); HOWEVER, THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE COURT'S ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE RULING AND IS NOT CONDITIONED ON THE PREPARATION OF THE FOAH.

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11. STUART J. REMINGTON V. BRITTANY J. REMINGTON

24FL0061

On January 23, 2026, Petitioner filed a Request for Order (RFO) seeking spousal support and attorney's fees. He filed a Declaration of Stephen M. Sirota concurrently therewith. Both documents were electronically served on February 2nd. However, Petitioner did not file and serve an Income and Expense Declaration.

Respondent filed her Responsive Declaration to Request for Order and her Income and Expense Declaration on April 2nd. The court has two Proof of Service forms for the Responsive Declaration, but there is no Proof of Service for her Income and Expense Declaration therefore the court cannot consider it.

Petitioner Stuart Reminton's Statement of Support Calculation was filed and served on April 7th along with his Income and Expense Declaration.

"For all hearings involving child, spousal, or domestic partner support, both parties must complete, file, and serve a current Income and Expense Declaration." Cal. Rule Ct. 5.260(1); *See also* Cal. Fam. Code §2100. The party requesting support shall file and serve their Income and Expense Declaration with the initial moving papers. El Dorado Sup. Ct. Rule 8.03.01. Here, given that Petitioner failed to file his Income and Expense Declaration, the request for support is denied without.

Likewise, Petitioner was required to include an Income and Expense Declaration with his RFO when requesting attorney's fees. Accordingly, that request is also denied without prejudice.

Petitioner is directed to prepare the Findings and Orders After Hearing (FOAH); however, this order is effective immediately upon the court's adoption of the tentative ruling and is not conditioned on the preparation of the FOAH.

TENTATIVE RULING #11: THE RFO IS DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE DUE TO FAILURE TO FILE THE REQUISITE PAPERWORK. PETITIONER IS DIRECTED TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS AFTER HEARING (FOAH); HOWEVER, THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE COURT'S ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE RULING AND IS NOT CONDITIONED ON THE PREPARATION OF THE FOAH.

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12. HAYLEY SCHULZ V. TREVOR HARDING

23FL0002

On January 30, 2026, Respondent filed a Request for Order (RFO) seeking custody and visitation orders. All required documents were served by mail on February 7th.

Petitioner filed and served a Responsive Declaration to Request for Order on April 8, 2026.

The parties attended Child Custody Recommending Counseling (CCRC) on February 26, 2026. They were unable to reach agreements therefore a report was prepared on April 9, 2026. It was mailed to the parties on April 10th.

Respondent is requesting increased parenting time with the children. He asks that the parties attend mediation.

Petitioner opposes the request. She also opposes a request for child support but there is no such request pending before the court. She requests sole legal and sole physical custody of the children and she asks that Respondent have supervised visits. She asks the court to order that missed visits do not result in make-up time and to restrict Respondent's ability to transport the children due to safety concerns. Finally, she asks that she be allowed to claim the children on her taxes each year.

After reviewing the filings as outlined above, the court finds the recommendations contained in the April 9, 2026 CCRC report to be in the best interests of the minors. They are hereby adopted as the orders of the court. Respondent is admonished to abide by the set schedule. If Respondent is going to miss a visit, he must provide Petitioner with at least 72 hours notice prior to the missed visit. Failure to provide notice at least 72 hours ahead of time will result in a missed visit with no make-up visit. If Respondent does give timely notice of the missed visit then the parties shall work together to schedule a make-up visit.

Petitioner's request to claim the children on her taxes is granted.

Respondent is directed to prepare the Findings and Orders After Hearing (FOAH); however, this order is effective immediately upon the court's adoption of the tentative ruling and is not conditioned on the preparation of the FOAH.

TENTATIVE RULING #12: THE COURT FINDS THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE APRIL 9, 2026 CCRC REPORT TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE MINORS. THEY ARE HEREBY ADOPTED AS THE ORDERS OF THE COURT. RESPONDENT IS ADMONISHED TO ABIDE BY THE SET SCHEDULE. IF RESPONDENT IS GOING TO MISS A

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VISIT, HE MUST PROVIDE PETITIONER WITH AT LEAST 72 HOURS NOTICE PRIOR TO THE MISSED VISIT. FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE AT LEAST 72 HOURS AHEAD OF TIME WILL RESULT IN A MISSED VISIT WITH NO MAKE-UP VISIT. IF RESPONDENT DOES GIVE TIMELY NOTICE OF THE MISSED VISIT THEN THE PARTIES SHALL WORK TOGETHER TO SCHEDULE A MAKE UP VISIT.

PETITIONER'S REQUEST TO CLAIM THE CHILDREN ON HER TAXES IS GRANTED.

RESPONDENT IS DIRECTED TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS AFTER HEARING (FOAH); HOWEVER, THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE COURT'S ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE RULING AND IS NOT CONDITIONED ON THE PREPARATION OF THE FOAH.

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13. JUAN CHAVEZ V. SHIANNE HUNSAKER

PFL20130587

Petitioner filed a Request for Order (RFO) on November 10, 2025, seeking modification of child custody and parenting plan orders. The parties were referred to Child Custody Recommending Counseling (CCRC) with an appointment on December 10, 2025, and a review hearing on February 5, 2026. Respondent was mail served with address verification in accordance with Family Code section 215.

Parties appeared for the hearing on February 5, 2026. The court did not adopt its tentative ruling but rather rereferred the parties to CCRC and set a further review hearing. The court directed Petitioner to provide Proof of Service showing Respondent was properly served and cautioned that the matter would be dropped from calendar if Petitioner failed to do so.

Petitioner filed a Proof of Service on February 10, 2026, showing proper service on Respondent.

Respondent filed a new Responsive Declaration on March 18, 2026. It was served on Petitioner on the same day. Respondent requests the current orders remain in full force and effect.

Both parties and the minor attended CCRC. The parties were able to reach several agreements. A report with the parties' agreements and further recommendations was filed with the court on April 7, 2026. Copies were mailed to the parties the same day.

The court has read and considered the filings as outlined above. The court finds the agreements and recommendations as set forth in the April 7th CCRC report to be in the best interest of the minor. The court adopts the agreements and recommendations as set forth.

All prior orders not in conflict with this order remain in full force and effect. Petitioner is directed to prepare the Findings and Orders After Hearing (FOAH); however, this order is effective immediately upon the court's adoption of the tentative ruling and is not conditioned on the preparation of the FOAH.

TENTATIVE RULING #13: THE COURT FINDS THE AGREEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE APRIL 7TH CCRC REPORT TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE MINOR. THE COURT ADOPTS THE AGREEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS SET FORTH. ALL PRIOR ORDERS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDER REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. PETITIONER IS DIRECTED TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS AFTER HEARING (FOAH); HOWEVER, THIS ORDER IS

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14. KERRI DISNEY V. DOUGLAS DISNEY

26FL0137

Petitioner filed a Request for Order (RFO) seeking child and temporary spousal support orders, as well as a request for attorney's fees. Petitioner concurrently filed an Income and Expense Declaration. Respondent was served electronically on March 25, 2026. Petitioner is seeking guideline child support. Petitioner is seeking \$3,326 in temporary spousal support. Petitioner is also seeking \$15,000 in Family Code section 2030 attorney's fees.

Respondent filed a Responsive Declaration on April 8, 2026. Respondent concurrently filed an Income and Expense Declaration. Respondent requests the court make support orders based on the parties' actual income; order that Petitioner assume responsibility for the household expenses upon the commencement of the support orders; and deny Petitioner's request for Family Code section 2030 attorney's fees.

After reviewing the filings as outlined above, the court is utilizing Respondent's estimated income for Petitioner and a 0% timeshare for Respondent in calculating support. Utilizing these figures the court finds guideline child support to be \$3,250 (see attached Xspouse). The court is ordering Respondent to pay Petitioner \$3,250 per month as and for guideline child support, effective May 1, 2026. Future payments are due on the first of each month until further order of the court or termination by operation of law.

The court finds guideline temporary spousal support to be \$1,136 per the Alameda formula (see attached Xspouse). The court orders Respondent to pay Petitioner \$1,136 per month as and for temporary guideline spousal support, effective May 1, 2026. Payments are due on the first of each month until further order of the court or termination by operation of law.

The court finds Respondent routinely earns bonus income. The court is ordering Petitioner to prepare a bonus income table based on the figures the court has used for the guideline calculations. Respondent is ordered to true up any bonus income on a quarterly basis. Respondent is ordered to provide Petitioner with paystubs on a quarterly basis.

The court is ordering Petitioner to be responsible for the household expenses effective May 1, 2026. The parties are ordered to share in the costs of the minors' uncovered medical expenses as set forth in the attach FL-192. Further, parties are to share the costs of the minors' extracurricular activities equally.

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Regarding the request for attorney's fees, the public policy of Family Code section 2030 is to provide "at the outset of litigation, consistent with the financial circumstances of the parties, parity between spouses in their ability to obtain effective legal representation." In re Marriage of Keech, 75 Cal. App. 4th 860, 866 (1999). This ensures each party has access to legal representation to preserve each party's rights. In the face of a request for attorney's fees and costs, the court is to make findings on "whether there is a disparity in access to funds to retain counsel, and whether one party is able to pay for legal representation of both parties." Fam. Code § 2030(a)(2).

The court finds there is a disparity in the parties' access to funds. Additionally, the court finds that after the order set forth above regarding Petitioner being responsible for the household expenses, Respondent does have the ability to pay for both his and Petitioner's counsel. The court is ordering Respondent to pay \$15,000 to Petitioner as and for attorney's fees. This amount may be paid in one lump sum, or in monthly payments beginning May 1, 2026 and due on the first of each month until paid in full (approximately 15 months). Respondent is to pay directly to Petitioner's counsel.

All prior orders not in conflict with this order remain in full force and effect. Petitioner is directed to prepare the Findings and Orders After Hearing (FOAH); however, this order is effective immediately upon the court's adoption of the tentative ruling and is not conditioned on the preparation of the FOAH.

TENTATIVE RULING #14: AFTER REVIEWING THE FILINGS AS OUTLINED ABOVE, THE COURT IS UTILIZING RESPONDENT'S ESTIMATED INCOME FOR PETITIONER AND A 0% TIMESHARE FOR RESPONDENT IN CALCULATING SUPPORT. UTILIZING THESE FIGURES THE COURT FINDS GUIDELINE CHILD SUPPORT TO BE \$3,250 (SEE ATTACHED XSPOUSE). THE COURT IS ORDERING RESPONDENT TO PAY PETITIONER \$3,250 PER MONTH AS AND FOR GUIDELINE CHILD SUPPORT, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026. FUTURE PAYMENTS ARE DUE ON THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT OR TERMINATION BY OPERATION OF LAW.

THE COURT FINDS GUIDELINE TEMPORARY SPOUSAL SUPPORT TO BE \$1,136 PER THE ALAMEDA FORMULA (SEE ATTACHED XSPOUSE). THE COURT ORDERS RESPONDENT TO PAY PETITIONER \$1,136 PER MONTH AS AND FOR TEMPORARY GUIDELINE SPOUSAL SUPPORT, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026. PAYMENTS ARE DUE ON THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH UNTIL FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT OR TERMINATION BY OPERATION OF LAW.

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THE COURT FINDS RESPONDENT ROUTINELY EARNS BONUS INCOME. THE COURT IS ORDERING PETITIONER TO PREPARE A BONUS INCOME TABLE BASED ON THE FIGURES THE COURT HAS USED FOR THE GUIDELINE CALCULATIONS. RESPONDENT IS ORDERED TO TRUE UP ANY BONUS INCOME ON A QUARTERLY BASIS. RESPONDENT IS ORDERED TO PROVIDE PETITIONER WITH PAYSTUBS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

THE COURT IS ORDERING PETITIONER TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2026. THE PARTIES ARE ORDERED TO SHARE IN THE COSTS OF THE MINORS' UNCOVERED MEDICAL EXPENSES AS SET FORTH IN THE ATTACH FL-192. FURTHER, PARTIES ARE TO SHARE THE COSTS OF THE MINORS' EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES EQUALLY.

THE COURT FINDS THERE IS A DISPARITY IN THE PARTIES' ACCESS TO FUNDS. THE COURT FINDS THAT AFTER THE ORDER SET FORTH ABOVE REGARDING PETITIONER BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES, RESPONDENT DOES HAVE THE ABILITY TO PAY FOR BOTH HIS AND PETITIONER'S COUNSEL. THE COURT IS ORDERING RESPONDENT TO PAY \$15,000 TO PETITIONER AS AND FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES. THIS AMOUNT MAY BE PAID IN ONE LUMP SUM, OR IN MONTHLY PAYMENTS BEGINNING MAY 1, 2026 AND DUE ON THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH UNTIL PAID IN FULL (APPROXIMATELY 15 MONTHS). RESPONDENT IS TO PAY DIRECTLY TO PETITIONER'S COUNSEL.

ALL PRIOR ORDERS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDER REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. PETITIONER IS DIRECTED TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS AFTER HEARING (FOAH); HOWEVER, THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE COURT'S ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE RULING AND IS NOT CONDITIONED ON THE PREPARATION OF THE FOAH.

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2026 Xspouse 2026-1-CA Monthly Figures

Fixed Shares	Father	Mother	Monthly Figures		Cash Flow		
			2026			Guideline	Proposed
Number of children	0	2			Combined net spendable	14556	14556
Percent time with NCP	0.00%	0.00%			Percent change	0%	0%
Filing status	MFJIN	MFJIN	GUIDELINE				
Number of exemptions	1	3	Nets (adjusted)				
Wages and salary	13000	6185			Father		
Self employed income	0	0	Father	10006	Payment cost/benefit	-4386	-4386
Other taxable income	0	0	Mother	4550	Net spendable income	5621	5621
TANF CS received	0	0	Total	14556	Change from guideline	0	0
Other nontaxable income	2000	0	Support		% of combined spendable	39%	39%
New spouse income	0	0	Addons	0	% of saving over guideline	0%	0%
Employee 401-k contribution	0	0	Guideln CS	3250	Total taxes	3437	3437
Adjustments to income	0	0	Alameda SS	1136	Dep. exemption value	0	0
SS paid prev marriage	0	0	Total	4386	# withholding allowances	0	0
CS paid prev marriage	0	0	Proposed		Net wage paycheck	9583	9583
Health insurance	834	0	Tactic 9		Mother		
Other medical expenses	0	0			Payment cost/benefit	4386	4386
Property tax expenses	0	0	CS	3250	Net spendable income	8936	8936
Ded interest expense	0	0	SS	1136	Change from guideline	0	0
Contribution deduction	0	0	Total	4386	% of combined spendable	61%	61%
Misc tax deductions	0	0	Saving	0	% of saving over guideline	0%	0%
Qualified business income deduction	0	0	Releases	0	Total taxes	1635	1635
Required union dues	0	0			Dep. exemption value	0	0
Mandatory retirement	0	0			# withholding allowances	0	0
Hardship deduction	0	0			Net wage paycheck	4989	4989
Other GDL deductions	723	0					
Child care expenses	0	0					

Father pays Guideline CS, Guideline SS, Proposed CS, Proposed SS

FC 4055 checking: **ON**

Per Child Information

	DOB	Timeshare	cce(F)	cce(M)	Addons Payor	Basic CS Payor	Pres CS Payor
All children		0 - 100	0	0	0 Father	3,250 Father	3,250 Father
	0000-00-00	0 - 100	0	0	0 Father	1,234 Father	1,234 Father
	0000-00-00	0 - 100	0	0	0 Father	2,016 Father	2,016 Father

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County of El Dorado

NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING CHILD SUPPORT

Childcare and Health Care Costs and Reimbursement Procedures

Your child support order may include a provision for payment of childcare or uninsured health care costs. Childcare costs may be included as part of the monthly child support payment or reimbursable as a percentage of the costs. If the childcare costs are included as part of the monthly child support payment, you must pay that amount each month until the court changes (modifies) the child support order. If you need to change your child support order because there has been a change in the cost of childcare, see page 2.

If you have a child support order that includes a provision for the reimbursement of a percentage of childcare costs or a portion of the child's or children's health care costs and those costs are not paid by insurance, the **law says**:

1. **Notice.** You must give the other parent an itemized statement of the charges that have been billed for any childcare costs or health care costs not paid by insurance. You must give this statement to the other parent within a reasonable time, but no more than 90 days after those costs were given to you.
2. **Proof of full payment.** If you have already paid all of the childcare costs or uninsured health care costs, you must (1) give the other parent proof that you paid them and (2) ask for reimbursement for the other parent's court-ordered share of those costs.
3. **Proof of partial payment.** If you have paid only your share of the childcare costs or uninsured health care costs, you must (1) give the other parent proof that you paid your share, (2) ask that the other parent pay his or her share of the costs directly to the childcare or health care provider, and (3) give the other parent the information necessary for that parent to be able to pay the bill.
4. **Payment by notified parent.** If you receive notice from a parent that a childcare or uninsured health care cost has been incurred, you must pay your share of that cost within the time the court orders; or if the court has not specified a period of time, you must make payment (1) within 30 days from the time you were given notice of the amount due, (2) according to any payment schedule set by the health care provider, (3) according to a schedule agreed to in writing by you and the other parent, or (4) according to a schedule adopted by the court.
5. **Going to court.** Sometimes parents get into disagreements about childcare and health care costs. If you and the other parent cannot resolve the situation after talking about it, you can request that the court make a decision.
- a. **Disputed requests for payment.** If you dispute a request for payment made by the other parent, you may file a request for the court to resolve the dispute, but only if you pay the requested amount before filing your request.
- b. **Nonpayment.** If you claim that the other parent has failed to pay you back for a payment, or they have failed to make a payment to the provider after proper notice, you may file a request for the court to resolve the dispute.
- c. **Paid charges.** The court will presume that if uninsured health care costs or childcare costs for employment or necessary training for job skills have been paid, those costs were reasonable. If you want to dispute paid charges, you will have to show the court that the costs were unreasonable.
- d. **Attorney's fees.** If the court decides one parent has been unreasonable, it can order that parent to pay the other parent's attorney's fees and costs.
- e. **Court forms.** Use forms [FL-300](#) and [FL-490](#) to get a court date. See form [FL-300-INFO](#) for information about completing, filing, and serving your court papers.
6. **Court-ordered insurance coverage.** If a parent provides health care insurance as ordered by the court, that insurance must be used at all times to the extent that it is available for health care costs.
 - a. **Burden to prove.** The parent claiming that the coverage is inadequate to meet the child's needs has the burden of proving that to the court.
 - b. **Cost of additional coverage.** If a parent purchases health care insurance in addition to that ordered by the court, that parent must pay all the costs of the additional coverage. In addition, if a parent uses alternative coverage that costs more than the coverage provided by court order, that parent must pay the difference.
7. **Preferred health providers.** If the court-ordered coverage designates a preferred health care provider, that provider must be used at all times consistent with the terms of the health insurance policy. When any parent uses a health care provider other than the preferred provider, any health care costs that would have been paid by the preferred health provider if that provider had been used must be the sole responsibility of the parent incurring those costs.
8. **Need help?** Contact the family law facilitator in your county or call your county's bar association and ask for an experienced family lawyer.

Information Sheet on Changing a Child Support Order

General Info

The court has made a child support order in your case. This order will remain the same unless one of the parents requests that the support be changed (modified). An order for child support can be modified by filing a request to change child support and serving the other parent. If both parents agree on a new child support amount, they can complete, sign, and file with the court a *Stipulation to Establish or Modify Child Support and Order* (form [FL-350](#)). (**Note:** If the local child support agency is involved in your case, it must be served with any request to change child support and approve any agreement.)

Online Self-Help Guide

For more information about how child support works, visit: <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/child-support>.

When a Child Support Order May Be Changed

The court considers several things when ordering the payment of child support.

- First, the number of children is considered, along with the percentage of time each parent has physical custody of the children.
- Next, the net disposable incomes of both parents are determined (which is how much money is left each month after taxes and certain other items like health insurance, union dues, or other child support ordered and paid are subtracted from a parent's paycheck). The court can also look at a parent's earning ability.
- The court considers both parents' tax filing status and may consider hardships, such as the cost of raising the parent's child from another relationship who lives with the parent.

A parent can request to change an existing order for child support when circumstances change significantly. For example if the net disposable income of one of the parents changes, parenting time changes, or a new child is born.

Examples

- You have been ordered to pay \$500 per month in child support. You lose your job. You will continue to owe \$500 per month, plus 10 percent interest on any unpaid support, unless you file a motion to modify your child support to a lower amount and the court orders a reduction.
- You are currently receiving \$300 per month in child support from the other parent, whose net income has just increased substantially. You will continue to receive \$300 per month unless you file a motion to modify your child support to a higher amount and the court orders an increase.
- You are paying child support based on having physical custody of your children 30 percent of the time. After several months it turns out that you actually have physical custody of the children 50 percent of the time. You may file a motion to modify child support to a lower amount.

How to Change a Child Support Order

To change a child support order, you must file papers with the court. *Remember:* You must follow the order you have now.

What forms do I need?

If you are asking to change a child support order, you must fill out one of these forms:

- Form [FL-300](#), *Request for Order* **or**
- Form [FL-390](#), *Notice of Motion and Motion for Simplified Modification of Order for Child, Spousal, or Family Support*

You must also fill out one of these forms, and attach proof of income for the past two months (like your paycheck stubs):

- Form [FL-150](#), *Income and Expense Declaration* **or**
- Form [FL-155](#), *Financial Statement (Simplified)*

What if I am not sure which forms to fill out?

Contact the family law facilitator in your county. You can find them here: www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-facilitators.htm.

After you fill out the forms, file them with the court clerk and ask for a hearing date. Write the hearing date on the form. The clerk may ask you to pay a filing fee. If you cannot afford the fee, fill out these forms, too:

- Form [FW-001](#), *Request to Waive Court Fees and*
- Form [FW-003](#), *Order on Court Fee Waiver (Superior Court)*

You must serve the other parent. If the local child support agency is involved, serve it too.

- This means someone 18 or over—not you—must deliver copies of your filed court forms to the other parent, at least **16 court days** before the hearing. Add **5 calendar days** if delivered by mail within California (see Code of Civil Procedure section 1005 for other situations).
- **Court days** are weekdays when the court is open for business (Monday through Friday except court holidays). **Calendar days** include all days of the month, including weekends and holidays. To find court holidays, go to: www.courts.ca.gov/holidays.htm.

Blank copies of both of these forms must also be served:

- Form [FL-320](#), *Responsive Declaration to Request for Order*
- Form [FL-150](#), *Income and Expense Declaration*

Then the server fills out and signs a *Proof of Service*. Take this form, plus one copy, to the clerk and file it at least one week before your hearing.

Go to your hearing and ask the judge to change the support. Bring your tax returns from the last two years and your proof of income for the past two months (like your paycheck stubs). The judge will look at your information, listen to both parents, and make an order. After the hearing, fill out:

- Form [FL-340](#), *Findings and Order After Hearing* **and**
- Form [FL-342](#), *Child Support Information and Order Attachment*

Need help?

Contact the **family law facilitator** in your county or call your county's bar association and ask for an experienced family lawyer.

Information About Child Support for Incarcerated or Confined Parents

1. Child support. As of September 27, 2022, child support automatically stops if the parent who has to pay is confined against their will for more than 90 days in a row in jail, prison, juvenile detention, a mental health facility, or other institution.

Exception. Child support does not automatically stop if the parent who has to pay has money available to pay child support.

2. Past confinement. Child support also automatically stops during past confinement if it was ordered from October 8, 2015, through December 31, 2019, or January 1, 2021, through September 26, 2022, and the parent who has to pay was confined for more than 90 days in a row during the same time frame.

Exceptions for past confinement. Child support does not automatically stop if the parent who has to pay was in jail or prison for failing to pay child support or for domestic violence against the other parent or the child, or if they had money available to pay support.

3. Timing. The date child support automatically restarts will depend on the parent's release date. If you need to change your child support order, see page 2.

- a. If released before January 1, 2024,** child support automatically restarts the first day of the first full month after the parent is released.
- b. If released after January 1, 2024,** child support will automatically restart the first day of the 10th month after the parent is released.

Employment before the 10-month period ends: If the parent who has to pay support starts working before the date child support is set to automatically restart, the person who is owed support or the local child support agency can request the court restart the child support order early. The court may order a different amount of child support if appropriate.

4. More info. For more information about child support and incarcerated parents, see [Family Code section 4007.5](#) or go to <https://selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/child-support/incarcerated-parent>.

You can also contact the family law facilitator in your county and can find them here: www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-facilitators.htm.

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15. FREDERICK GUNRAN V. PATRICIA GUNDRAN

25FL0827

Respondent filed a Request for Order (RFO) along with an Order Shortening Time (OST) on April 8, 2026. On April 10, 2026, the court granted the OST and set the matter for a hearing on April 23, 2026. Respondent was directed to serve Petitioner on or before April 10, 2026. Petitioner was directed to file a Responsive Declaration on or before April 17, 2026. Proof of Service shows Petitioner was personally served on April 10th.

Petitioner filed a Responsive Declaration on April 20, 2026. It was served on April 20th. The court finds this to be late filed, and therefore has not considered it.

Family Code section 2337 provides that “[i]n a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, the court, upon noticed motion, may sever and grant an early and separate trial on the issue of the dissolution of the status of the marriage apart from other issues.” Fam. Code, § 2337(a). The trial court may separately try the issue of termination of marriage if doing so “is likely to simplify the determination of the other issues.” Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.390(b)(7).

Public policy favors bifurcation of trial on pivotal issues in a dissolution action. In re Marriage of Macfarlane & Lang (1992) 8 Cal.App.4th 247, 257; see In re Marriage of Wolfe (1985) 173 Cal.App.3d 889, 893–894 (“To the extent bifurcation of issues such as custody, support or the division of community property can assist the parties to achieve settlement of remaining issues, it should be encouraged”). For the issue of marital status, “[c]onsistent with the legislative policy favoring no fault dissolution of marriage, only slight evidence is necessary to obtain bifurcation and resolution of marital status. On the other hand, a spouse opposing bifurcation must present compelling reasons for denial.” Gionis v. Superior Court (1988) 202 Cal.App.3d 786, 790.

The minimum statutory requirements for bifurcating and terminating marital status are that six months must have passed since the date of service of the summons and petition (§ 2339(a)), and that the party seeking termination of marital status must have served a preliminary declaration of disclosure or obtained a written agreement to defer service to a later date (§ 2337, subd. (b)). Both requirements were met here. Further, the necessary pension plan has been joined.

Parties are ordered to appear for the hearing.

TENTATIVE RULING #15: PARTIES ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR FOR THE HEARING.

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16. SONIA JOHNSON V. THOMAS JOHNSON

PFL20190519

Petitioner filed a Request for Order (RFO) on February 25, 2026, following the court's denial of her ex parte application. Petitioner seeks an order from the court to place the proceeds of the sale of the former marital residence into a constructive trust. Petitioner further seeks Family Code section 271 sanctions in the amount of \$2,500. Upon review of the court file, there is no Proof of Service showing the RFO was served on Respondent.

The court drops the matter from calendar due to the lack of proper service.

TENTATIVE RULING #16: THE MATTER IS DROPPED FROM CALENDAR DUE TO THE LACK OF PROPER SERVICE.

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) 621-6725 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, 1247 (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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17. REGINA MCNAUGHTON V. JOHN MCNAUGHTON

25FL0337

April 8, 2026, Petitioner's counsel filed a Request for Order (RFO) seeking to be relieved as counsel along with an Order Shortening Time (OST) the court granted the OST and set the hearing for April 23, 2026. The court directed service to be accomplished on or before April 9, 2026.

Proof of Service shows Respondent was served on April 8, 2026. There is no Proof of Service showing Petitioner was served.

The court drops the matter from calendar due to the lack of proper service.

TENTATIVE RULING #17: THE MATTER IS DROPPED FROM CALENDAR DUE TO THE LACK OF PROPER SERVICE.

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) 621-6725 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, 1247 (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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18. DCSS V. LOUIS MOLAKIDES (OTHER PARENT: LISA THOMASON) PFS20210080

On April 1, 2026, the Child Support Commissioner issued Findings and Recommended Orders. Other Parent timely filed and served a Notice of Objection to the Findings and Orders.

[T]he judge shall issue a temporary order and schedule a hearing de novo within 10 court days." Cal. Fam. Code Section 4251(c).

Parties are ordered to appear for the hearing.

TENTATIVE RULING #18: PARTIES ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR FOR THE HEARING.

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19. JESSICA SEABOLD V. SHAUN SEABOLD

26FL0081

Petitioner filed a Request for Order (RFO) seeking child custody and parenting plan orders, as well as child and spousal support orders, on January 29, 2026. Petitioner concurrently filed an Income and Expense Declaration. The parties were referred to Child Custody Recommending Counseling (CCRC) with an appointment on February 25, 2026 and a review hearing on April 23, 2026. Proof of Service shows Respondent was personally served with the necessary documents, excluding the Income and Expense Declaration and blank FL-150 as well as the referral to CCRC.

Both parties appeared at CCRC and reached a full agreement. Parties submitted a stipulation to the court, which the court adopted as its order on February 26, 2026. The court finds the parties' stipulation continued to be in the best interests of the minors, and therefore, maintains those orders in full force and effect. The court finds this portion of the RFO to be moot and as such, drops it from calendar.

The court drops Petitioner's request for child and spousal support from calendar due to the failure to properly serve Respondent with the Income and Expense Declaration.

All prior orders not in conflict with this order remain in full force and effect.

TENTATIVE RULING #19: THE COURT DROPS THE CHILD CUSTODY AND PARENTING PLAN PORTION OF THE RFO FROM CALENDAR AS MOOT. THE COURT MAINTAINS THE CURRENT ORDERS AS TO CUSTODY AND PARENTING TIME. THE COURT DROPS PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR CHILD AND SPOUSAL SUPPORT FROM CALENDAR DUE TO THE FAILURE TO PROPERLY SERVE RESPONDENT WITH THE INCOME AND EXPENSE DECLARATION. ALL PRIOR ORDERS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDER REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND 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) 621-6725 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, 1247 (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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20. JUSTIN SIMARRO V. YAJAIRA SIMARRO

PFL20200099

On November 6, 2025, Respondent filed a Request for Order (RFO) seeking an order for Petitioner to pay credit card debts.

On November 17th, Respondent filed an Order to Show Cause and Affidavit for Contempt (OSC).

Respondent filed another RFO on January 16, 2026.

On February 13, 2026, Respondent filed a Proof of Service indicating service of an “FL300, ex parte” and an “FL300.” There are currently three RFOs pending before the court and the Proof of Service does not specify which one was served. Additionally, the Notice of Tentative Ruling was not served, nor was a blank Responsive Declaration to Request for Order. Without a properly completed Proof of Service the matter cannot be heard. The November 6, 2025 RFO and the January 16, 2026 RFO are both dropped from calendar due to lack of proper service.

According to the Proof of Service, the “FL410” was personally served on Petitioner.

Parties appeared for the hearing on February 26, 2026. The court arraigned Petitioner on the OSC. Petitioner requested additional time to hire counsel. The court continued the OSC for further arraignment to April 23, 2026 at 1:30 PM.

Parties are ordered to appear for the arraignment.

The court continued the November 6, 2025, RFO to allow Respondent time to file a corrected Proof of Service.

Respondent filed Proof of Service on April 1, 2026 showing Respondent was personally served with all the required documents.

Parties are ordered to appear on the RFO. The RFO will trail the OSC.

TENTATIVE RULING #20: PARTIES ARE ORDERED TO APPEAR FOR THE HEARING.

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21. CLARA STEWART V. FRANCISCO MARIN

SFL20190229

This matter is pending receipt and review of the 3111 report. The parties last appeared before the court on January 22, 2026 at which time the court made custody and visitation orders pending receipt of the 3111 report. A review hearing was set for the present date.

On March 2, 2026, Respondent filed a Request for Order (RFO) seeking child support, attorney's fees, sanctions and therapy orders. He filed his Income and Expense Declaration concurrently therewith. All required documents were served on March 4, 2026.

Petitioner filed and served her Responsive Declaration to Request for Order and her Memorandum of Points and Authorities on March 19th. She filed and served an Amended Memorandum of Points and Authorities on March 20th and a Supplemental Declaration on March 24th.

The court received the Family Code section 3111 report on March 26, 2026.

Respondent submitted a Reply Declaration to the 3111 Report on April 10, 2026. It was served on Petitioner and Minor's Counsel the same day. Respondent requests the exchange location for non-school exchanges remain at Town Center, in El Dorado Hills as the parties have been exercising. Respondent also requests that short overnight trips on weekends required the parties to provide each other notice and provide the location of where the overnights will be taking place. Respondent also seeks clarification regarding the recommendations as to casinos and racetracks.

Petitioner filed a Reply Declaration on April 17, 2026. It was reserved on Respondent and Minor's Counsel the same day. Petitioner seeks further clarifying orders as well. Petitioner requests that the term notice or provide information requires that notice or provision of information to be in writing. Petitioner requests the minor have access to a smart watch or smart device for communication and safety purposes. Petitioner proposes changes to provisions 6.b. and 6.d.. Petitioner requests Kristin Kaminski or other mutually agreed licensed provider for family therapy.

Minor's Counsel has not submitted a declaration.

The court has read and considered the filings as outlined above. The court adopts the recommendations as set forth in the March 26th 3111 report with the following modifications. All notice and provision of information shall be in writing utilizing the co-parenting application Talking Parents. The parties are to continue to use the current

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exchange location for non-school exchanges. For any overnights away from the parties' primary residence home, the parties are to provide the other parent written notice and itinerary including the address where the minor will be staying via the co-parenting application. As to 6.b. - for overnights not exceeding three nights, notice is to be provided as soon as practicable. For overnights exceeding three nights, notice shall be at least seven days prior to departure. As to 6.d. - written notice for out of state travel is required not later than seven days prior to departure, absent an emergency or unforeseen circumstances which would make further advance notice impossible. The notice shall include travel dates, destination, the address where the minor will be staying overnight, and a reliable method for contact.

The court is not ordering the minor to have a smart watch or smart device for communication. The parties are to ensure contact with the other parent as set forth in the recommendations.

As to the provisions of 8.b., the minor is not to be on casino floors or other places where children are prohibited in a casino or racetrack.

Kristin Kaminski shall be the family therapist if available. If Ms. Kaminski is not available, Minor's Counsel shall select the family therapist.

All prior orders not in conflict with these orders remain in full force and effect. Petitioner is directed to prepare the Findings and Orders After Hearing (FOAH); however, this order is effective immediately upon the court's adoption of the tentative ruling and is not conditioned on the preparation of the FOAH.

TENTATIVE RULING #21: THE COURT ADOPTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE MARCH 26TH 3111 REPORT WITH THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS. ALL NOTICE AND PROVISION OF INFORMATION SHALL BE IN WRITING UTILIZING THE CO-PARENTING APPLICATION TALKING PARENTS. THE PARTIES ARE TO CONTINUE TO USE THE CURRENT EXCHANGE LOCATION FOR NON-SCHOOL EXCHANGES. FOR ANY OVERNIGHTS AWAY FROM THE PARTIES' PRIMARY RESIDENCE HOME, THE PARTIES ARE TO PROVIDE THE OTHER PARENT WRITTEN NOTICE AND ITINERARY INCLUDING THE ADDRESS WHERE THE MINOR WILL BE STAYING VIA THE CO-PARENTING APPLICATION. AS TO 6.B. - FOR OVERNIGHTS NOT EXCEEDING THREE NIGHTS, NOTICE IS TO BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. FOR OVERNIGHTS EXCEEDING THREE NIGHTS, NOTICE SHALL BE AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. AS TO 6.D. - WRITTEN NOTICE FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL IS REQUIRED NOT LATER THAN SEVEN

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DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, ABSENT AN EMERGENCY OR UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WOULD MAKE FURTHER ADVANCE NOTICE IMPOSSIBLE. THE NOTICE SHALL INCLUDE TRAVEL DATES, DESTINATION, THE ADDRESS WHERE THE MINOR WILL BE STAYING OVERNIGHT, AND A RELIABLE METHOD FOR CONTACT.

THE COURT IS NOT ORDERING THE MINOR TO HAVE A SMART WATCH OR SMART DEVICE FOR COMMUNICATION. THE PARTIES ARE TO ENSURE CONTACT WITH THE OTHER PARENT AS SET FORTH IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

AS TO THE PROVISIONS OF 8.B. THE MINOR IS NOT TO BE ON CASINO FLOORS OR OTHER PLACES WHERE CHILDREN ARE PROHIBITED IN A CASINO OR RACETRACK.

KRISTIN KAMINSKI SHALL BE THE FAMILY THERAPIST IF AVAILABLE. IF MS. KAMINSKI IS NOT AVAILABLE, MINOR'S COUNSEL SHALL SELECT THE FAMILY THERAPIST.

ALL PRIOR ORDERS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THESE ORDERS REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. PETITIONER IS DIRECTED TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS AFTER HEARING (FOAH); HOWEVER, THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE COURT'S ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE RULING AND IS NOT CONDITIONED ON THE PREPARATION OF THE FOAH.

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22. ALLISON SMITH WALKER V. MELVIN WALKER

26FL0139

Respondent filed a Request for Order (RFO), on February 26, 2026, seeking *Epstein* credits in the amount of \$1,585.45. Petitioner was personally served with some, but not all the required forms on March 3, 2026.

Petitioner filed a Responsive Declaration on April 8, 2026. Petitioner is seeking reimbursement for post separation expenses she incurred.

Respondent filed Responsive Declaration, which he has titled a Reply Declaration on April 16, 2026. Although it was stamped as Late Filed, the court finds as a Reply Declaration, it is timely. Petitioner was served on April 17, 2026

The court finds these are issues for trial as the court will need to take evidence and testimony from the parties. The court reserves on both parties' requests for reimbursement until the time of trial.

Respondent is directed to prepare the Findings and Orders After Hearing (FOAH); however, this order is effective immediately upon the court's adoption of the tentative ruling and is not conditioned on the preparation of the FOAH.

TENTATIVE RULING #22: THE COURT FINDS THESE ARE ISSUES FOR TRIAL AS THE COURT WILL NEED TO TAKE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY FROM THE PARTIES. THE COURT RESERVES ON BOTH PARTIES' REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNTIL THE TIME OF TRIAL.

RESPONDENT IS DIRECTED TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS AFTER HEARING (FOAH); HOWEVER, THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE COURT'S ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE RULING AND IS NOT CONDITIONED ON THE PREPARATION OF THE FOAH.

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23. ADRIANA YANEZ V. JULIAN SILVA

26FL0113

Petitioner filed a Request for Order (RFO) on February 6, 2026, seeking child custody and child support orders. Petitioner concurrently filed an Income and Expense Declaration. The parties were referred to Child Custody Recommending Counseling (CCRC) with an appointment on February 23, 2026 and a review hearing on April 23, 2026. Proof of Service shows Respondent was served with some of the required documents on February 21, 2026. Respondent was not served with the referral to CCRC.

Only Petitioner appeared at CCRC on February 23, 2026. As such, a single parent report was filed with the court on April 20, 2026. It was mailed to the parties the same day.

Respondent has not filed a Responsive Declaration or an Income and Expense Declaration.

The court finds good cause to rerefer the parties to CCRC for an appointment on Thursday, May 21st at 9:00 AM and a further review hearing on Thursday, July 16th at 1:30 PM in Department 5. The court reserves jurisdiction to retroactively modify child support to the date of the filing of the RFO. Respondent shall be able to file a Responsive Declaration in accordance with the new review hearing date. Respondent is ordered to file and serve a complete Income and Expense Declaration no later than 10 days prior to the review hearing date.

Petitioner is directed to prepare the Findings and Orders After Hearing (FOAH); however, this order is effective immediately upon the court's adoption of the tentative ruling and is not conditioned on the preparation of the FOAH.

TENTATIVE RULING #23: THE COURT FINDS GOOD CAUSE TO REREFER THE PARTIES TO CCRC FOR AN APPOINTMENT ON THURSDAY, MAY 21ST AT 9:00 AM AND A FURTHER REVIEW HEARING ON THURSDAY, JULY 16TH AT 1:30 PM IN DEPARTMENT 5. THE COURT RESERVES JURISDICTION TO RETROACTIVELY MODIFY CHILD SUPPORT TO THE DATE OF THE FILING OF THE RFO. RESPONDENT SHALL BE ABLE TO FILE A RESPONSIVE DECLARATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW REVIEW HEARING DATE. RESPONDENT IS ORDERED TO FILE AND SERVE A COMPLETE INCOME AND EXPENSE DECLARATION NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REVIEW HEARING DATE. PETITIONER IS DIRECTED TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS AND ORDERS AFTER HEARING (FOAH); HOWEVER, THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE COURT'S ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE RULING AND IS NOT CONDITIONED ON THE PREPARATION OF THE FOAH.

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