

CHAPTER 14 MISCELLANEOUS

Rule 5.14.1

Attorneys Seeking to be Relieved or Substituted as Attorney of Record.

Absent a court order, no attorney may be relieved as counsel of record or substitute out of the case until all outstanding orders after hearing and judgments are signed by the court.

(Adopted 1/1/2005; Renum. 1/1/2006; Rev. 1/1/2008; Renum. 1/1/2010; Rev. 1/1/2011; Rev. 1/1/2012; Rev. 1/1/2013)

Rule 5.14.2

Elisors.

A motion and proposed order for appointment of an elisor must designate "The Clerk of the Court or the Clerk's Designee" as the elisor and not a specific court employee. If the court grants the order, the party must contact the business office to make an appointment for the actual signing of the document(s) to ensure the availability of an authorized elisor. If the elisor is signing documents requiring notarization, the party must arrange for a notary to be present when the elisor signs the document(s).

(Adopted 1/1/2005; Renum. 1/1/2006; Rev. & Renum. 1/1/2010; Rev. 1/1/2012; Rev. & Renum 1/1/2013)

Rule 5.14.3

Interpreters

Court-funded interpreters are not generally provided in family court. It is the party's obligation to determine if they must bring their own qualified interpreter.

(Adopted 1/1/2013; Rev. 1/1/2014)

Rule 5.14.4

Family Law Facilitator

A. Authority. The services provided by the Family Law Facilitator are pursuant to the Family Law Facilitator Act, Family Code section 10000 *et seq.* including the additional duties set forth in Family Code, section 10005.

B. Facilitator Disqualification or Bias. If, at any time, a facilitator providing services deems himself or herself to be disqualified or biased, the facilitator will immediately stop providing services and arrange for a new facilitator to assist that litigant.

C. Complaint Procedure. Complaints against a facilitator should be submitted on Form SDSC FLF-008, *Family Law Facilitator Customer Complaint Form*, to the FLF Manager. The FLF Manager or his or her designee will investigate, evaluate and respond to the complaint in due course. A complaint shall not be based on a party's dissatisfaction or disagreement with a court order.

(Adopted 1/1/2005; Renum. 1/1/2006; Rev. 1/1/2008; Renum 1/1/2010; Rev. & Renum. 1/1/2013; Rev. 1/1/2014)

Rule 5.14.5

Criminal Court Protective Orders and Child Custody and Visitation Orders

A. Definition and Purpose. The definitions and purpose of this local rule are set forth in California Rules of Court, rule 5.445.

B. Notice to Court. The parties must inform the judicial officer hearing any family law proceeding of any existing criminal protective orders that involve any party to the action in any matter regarding custody or visitation, including custody and visitation orders made in a domestic violence temporary and permanent restraining order. The parties must also provide the court with a copy of the criminal protective order(s). The parties have a continuing obligation to update the court of any new or modified criminal protective order(s).

(Adopted 1/1/2005; Renum. 1/1/2006; Renum. 1/1/2008; Rev. & Renum. 1/1/2010; Renum. 1/1/2013; Rev. 1/1/2014)

Rule 5.14.6

Appointment of Counsel Under Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA).

If the court reasonably believes a person is covered by the SCRA, the court will appoint counsel from the SCRA Pro Bono Panel Program for a limited scope representation.

(Adopted 1/1/2005; Renum. 1/1/2006; Renum. 1/1/2008; Rev. 1/1/2009; Rev. & Renum. 1/1/2010; Rev. 1/1/2011; Rev. & Renum. 1/1/2013)

Rule 5.14.7

Limited Scope Representation.

Limited scope representation is governed by the California Rules of Court, rule 5.245.

(Adopted 1/1/2012; Rev. & Renum. 1/1/2013; Rev. 1/1/2014)