

**CHAPTER 7**  
**TRIALS AND LONG CAUSE HEARINGS**

**Rule 5.7.1**

**Trials and Long Cause Hearings.**

**A.** Trials and long cause hearings are governed by California Rules of Court rules 5.393 through 5.394 and trial court orders.

**B. Assignments.** A case initially assigned to an independent calendar judge for all purposes may be reassigned to the court's master calendar if, at the time of trial or long cause hearing, it is determined that although the case is ready for trial or long cause hearing the assigned judge will not be hearing the matter. The assigned judge or another judge, acting in his or her capacity as a "judge supervising the master calendar" (see Code Civ. Proc., § 170.6, subd. (a)(2)), will notify the parties of the name of the judge who has been assigned to hear the case pursuant to the court's master calendar. Accordingly, if any of the parties intend to challenge the judge assigned to hear the trial or long cause hearing pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 170.6, subdivision (a)(2), they must do so at the time they are notified of the assignment. When a trial or long cause hearing is assigned to another judicial officer, issues related directly to the trial or long cause hearing, for example, motions in limine, shall be directed to the judicial officer assigned to the trial. Requests for continuances shall be directed to the judicial officer assigned to the case for all purposes.

**C. Court Reporter Fees.** Each party must pay the mandated statutory court reporter fee for each half day of trial and any hearing over one hour for court-provided court reporters, except in domestic violence and contempt hearings. It is the duty of each party to know the amount of this fee before the day of trial and to deliver this amount to the clerk in the trial department before the start of each half day of trial. Refer to the court's website or the business office for additional payment information.

**D. Family Support Division.** See Chapter 9 of these rules for additional information governing trials and long cause hearings in FSD.

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