

## **CHAPTER 9 FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION**

### **Rule 5.9.1**

#### **Family Support Division**

**A.** All actions under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act initiated or maintained by the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) are referred to as Family Support Division ("FSD") matters and are governed by the applicable state and federal law and California Rules of Court, rules 5.300 through 5.375.

**B.** All FSD matters are heard in the specified FSD departments located in the Central Division at 220 W. Broadway (referred to as "Central Division" in this Chapter) and the North County Division.  
(Adopted 1/1/2012; Rev. 1/1/2013; Rev. 1/1/2014)

### **Rule 5.9.2**

#### **Mandatory Meet and Confer; Pre-Read Requests**

**A. Mandatory Meet and Confer.** All parties and/or counsel must meet and confer with DCSS on the day of a hearing and prior to appearing in court.

**B. Pre-Read Requests in Short Cause Hearings.** If a party would like the court to read the file prior to a hearing, a pre-read request must be submitted to the court. The requestor must give notice to all parties at least two court days before the pre-read request is submitted to the court. Any objections to the pre-read request must be specific and submitted in writing to the court. If the request designates eight or more documents in the court file, the requestor must immediately arrange with the court to properly identify the documents in the file.

**1. Central Division:** Both the pre-read request and any objections must be submitted to the court no later than 12:00 p.m., two court days before the hearing.

**2. North County Division.** Both the pre-read request and any objections must be submitted to the court no later than 12:00 p.m., one week before the hearing.

(Adopted 1/1/2005; Renum. 1/1/2006; Rev. 1/1/2008; Rev. 1/1/2009; Rev. & Renum. 1/1/2012; Rev. 1/1/2013)

### **Rule 5.9.3**

#### **Telephone Appearance**

**A. Authority.** Telephone appearances are governed by California Rules of Court, rule 5.324 and/or by court order.

**B. Meet and Confer.** All parties granted a telephone appearance must meet and confer with DCSS by telephone prior to their court appearance. For the meet and confer, parties must be available at the number listed on their telephone appearance request form for at least two hours prior to their hearing.

(Adopted 1/1/2008; Rev. & Renum. 1/1/2012; Rev. 1/1/2013; Rev. 1/1/2014)

### **Rule 5.9.4**

#### **Trials and Long Cause Hearing Conferences**

The Judicial Officer may schedule a pre-trial or pre-hearing conference with the parties, their attorneys and DCSS in accordance with the California Rules of Court.

(Adopted 1/1/2008; Rev. 1/1/2009; Rev. 1/1/2011; Rev. & Renum. 1/1/2012; Rev. 1/1/2013)

### **Rule 5.9.5**

#### **Emergency Orders (also known as "ex parte" application)**

Refer to Chapter 3 above.

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

### **Rule 5.9.6**

#### **No Domestic Violence Filings in DF Cases**

No request for a domestic violence restraining order may be filed in a DF case.

(Adopted 1/1/2014)

### **Rule 5.9.7**

#### **No Consolidation of DF Cases with Other Family Law Cases**

There shall be no consolidation of a DF case with another family law case. DF cases may only be consolidated with other DF cases. Instead, parties must file a notice of related case. Refer to Rule 5.2.4.

(Adopted 1/1/2014)

### **Rule 5.9.8**

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