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THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

**IN RE DIRECT ASSIGNMENT OF
FAMILY LAW CASE TO DEPARTMENT
HEARING RELATED FAMILY LAW
CASE OF BROADER JURISDICTION**

**GENERAL ORDER OF THE
PRESIDING DEPARTMENT
ORDER NO. 010124-19**

THIS COURT FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

In accordance with California Rules of Court (“CRC”), rule 5.440, which directs courts to identify cases related to a pending family law case to avoid issuing conflicting orders and make effective use of court resources, and CRC, rule 3.300, which requires, in family law proceedings, the Presiding Judge and/or his or her designee to determine whether related cases should be ordered related and, if so, to which judge or department they should be assigned, the court orders that upon filing of a new family law case that relates to a pre-existing domestic violence or other family law case, all related cases will be assigned to the judicial officer hearing the case of broader jurisdiction.

The court finds the factual and legal issues raised within domestic violence and other family law cases involving the same parties are inherently and integrally related to each other, meeting the requirements of a related case under CRC, rule 3.300(a), and requiring the cases to be assigned to the same judicial officer.

1 Notwithstanding the above, certain domestic violence restraining order cases in the Central
2 Division may be assigned to a designated Shriver Domestic Violence Judge.

3 This order shall become effective on January 1, 2024, and expire on December 31, 2024,
4 unless otherwise ordered by this court.

5 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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7 DATED: December 27, 2023



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9 **HONORABLE MICHAEL T. SMYTH**
10 **PRESIDING JUDGE**
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