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**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

**IN RE SUSPENSION OF LOCAL FAMILY
RULES 5.1.8 AND 5.5.1 REGARDING
COURT REPORTER AVAILABILITY
AND NONAVAILABILITY**

**GENERAL ORDER OF THE
PRESIDING DEPARTMENT**

ORDER NO. 010118-31

The Court finds as follows.

Due to prior budget reductions, the San Diego Superior Court ceased providing official court reporters in family law cases for most proceedings. An exception was made in Local Family Rule 5.1.8 for certain proceedings, including Domestic Violence Restraining Order hearings and Request for Order hearings of 40 minutes or less. Given further budget reductions and restrictions faced by the San Diego Superior Court in Fiscal Year 2017/2018, the Court has determined that it will need to further limit the proceedings for which the Court will provide official court reporters.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective September 5, 2017, the Court no longer provides official court reporters in family law matters for Domestic Violence Restraining Order hearings ("DVRO Hearings") or for Request for Order hearings of 40 minutes or less ("RFO Hearings"). The portions of Local Family Law Rules 5.1.8 and 5.5.1 to the contrary are suspended and superseded by this General Order.

This change applies to all DVRO and RFO Hearings held after September 5, 2017.


Information on how to arrange and pay for a certified shorthand reporter where the Court does not provide one is posted on the Court Reporter page at www.sdcourt.ca.gov. The Court's

1 policy regarding normal availability and unavailability of official court reporters is also located
2 on that page.

3 This Order shall expire on December 31, 2018, unless otherwise ordered by this Court.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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6 Dated: December 29, 2017


HON. PETER C. DEDDEH
PRESIDING JUDGE