

CHAPTER 12
JUDGMENTS AND ORDERS AFTER HEARING

Rule 5.12.1

Preparation of Orders After Hearing and Judgments

A. Procedure. Failure to comply with the mandatory requirements for an order after hearing as set forth in the California Rules of Court or allowed under Rule 5.5.2 may be good cause to impose sanctions.

B. Format

1. For non-imaged cases, parties are encouraged to submit *Findings and Order After Hearing* (form FL-340) printed on brown paper for ease of identification. For imaged cases, it should be printed on white paper.

2. For non-imaged cases, parties are encouraged to submit *Judgments* (form FL-180) printed on pink paper for ease of identification. For imaged cases, it should be printed on white paper.

3. The order or judgment must be prepared so that at least two lines of text appear on the page which will have the judicial officer's signature and no text may appear after the judicial officer's signature.

C. Attachments or Exhibits.

1. Only the recommendation portion of an FCS counselor's report or a non-confidential, private counselor's report may be attached as an exhibit to an order or judgment when the court has adopted the recommendation as its order. No other portion of the report may be attached to the order.

D. Mandatory Forms. All orders and judgments, whether contested or by stipulation, must include all applicable Judicial Council mandatory forms. All judgment packets should include a *Judgment Checklist* (form FL-182). The parties are encouraged to indicate on the FL-182 what date the previously submitted documents were filed or to include a courtesy copy for the court's review.

E. Requests for a Statement of Decision and Objections.

1. All requests for a statement of decision and objections to the proposed statement of decision must be filed and served pursuant to the California Rules of Court and a courtesy copy must be provided directly to the IC department.

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