



## **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

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### **Public Notice**

#### **Changes to Family Law Effective Monday, July 15, 2024**

The Family Law and Probate Division will soon implement two important changes.

Effective Monday, July 15, 2024, all matters previously heard in Department 131 (Domestic Violence Restraining Orders and Department of Child Support Services) will be heard in Department 134, Commissioner Marlene Clark presiding.

Effective Thursday, August 15, 2024, the Sacramento County Superior Court will begin a pilot program and open a new long cause department, Department 131, at the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse (FRC). Judge Jaya Badiga will begin hearing Family Law trials with a time estimate of three to five days. This change means that all multi-day trials previously assigned to Department 47 at the Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse will be reassigned to FRC and set on a Thursday morning for assignment from the Supervising Judge's department. All trials scheduled for six or more days will remain in Department 47.

To effectuate this change, the Supervising Judge will hold a trial readiness conference (TRC) with parties and counsel for all trials currently scheduled for Department 47 that have time estimates of three to five days. Notices will be provided through the Public Case Access System of the date and time for the TRC, currently anticipated to be scheduled during the afternoons of July 15-17. In the event of a conflict with the scheduled TRC date, parties and counsel may use the local form to continue the TRC to a Wednesday morning in Department 120, at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the TRCs is to discuss reassignment of trials to FRC, confirm time estimates, reschedule trial dates, confirm or reschedule the Mandatory Settlement Conference, and discuss other anticipated issues related to the trial.