



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
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Public Notice
Fourth Addendum
Resuming In Person Family Law Trials and Settlement Conferences
Requesting Trial and Settlement Conference Appearance Using Zoom
and Stipulations/Agreements

Resuming In Person Trials

Trials resume in person on July 1, 2021. All trials are held at 8:30 a.m., Thursday and Friday, to be assigned out by the Supervising Judge. Due to social distancing protocols for in person trials, only parties, attorneys, support people for domestic violence cases, witnesses, court reporters and interpreters will be permitted in the courthouse.

Filing of Statement of Issues

Parties and attorneys are required to file an original and two copies of a Statement of Issues 20 days before their settlement conference date pursuant to local rule 5.29, unless otherwise ordered by the court. Filings may be submitted through the drop box, US Mail or express mail at the the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Requesting to Attend Trial using Zoom

Parties and attorneys may submit (for themselves and/or on behalf of their witnesses) a Request and Declaration to Attend Family Law Trial and/or Settlement Conference using Zoom local form FL/E-CT-033, to appear at trial using Zoom. A request must be submitted with the Statement of Issues, at least 20 days before the date set for Mandatory Settlement Conference, or if no settlement conference is scheduled, 20 days before trial. Filings may be submitted through the drop box, US Mail, or express mail. Instructions for appearing using Zoom will be provided to the requestor if the order is granted.

Resuming In Person Settlement Conferences

Settlement conferences resume in person on June 29, 2021. All settlement conferences are held at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday in Department 128. Due to social distancing protocols, only parties and attorneys will be permitted in the courthouse.

Requesting to Attend Settlement Conference using Zoom

Parties and attorneys may submit a Request and Declaration to Attend Family Law Trial and/or Settlement Conference using Zoom local form FL/E-CT-033, to appear at settlement conference using Zoom. Due to equipment and logistical challenges, **all** parties must agree to appear by Zoom, otherwise such accommodation cannot occur. A request must be submitted with the Statement of Issues, at least 20 days before the date set for Mandatory Settlement Conference. Filings may be submitted through the drop box, US Mail, or express mail. Instructions for appearing using Zoom will be provided to the requestor if the order is granted.

Stipulations

(Prior to Settlement Conference)

Parties and attorneys with agreements/[stipulations](#) may submit them for consideration by the court by email at dept128@saccourt.ca.gov at least three business days before the settlement conference. If a stipulation is reached at the settlement conference, the court will issue a minute order directing one of the parties to prepare and submit for consideration, and the trial will be vacated.

(After Settlement Conference and Prior to Trial Date)

Parties and attorneys with agreements/[stipulations](#) reached **after** the settlement conference, or if a settlement conference was not scheduled, may submit them for consideration by the court by email at dept128@saccourt.ca.gov or through the drop box, preferably at least three business days before the trial. Stipulations will be handled as a priority. Parties or attorneys must also submit a [Request and Declaration to Attend Family Law Trial using Zoom, local form FL/E-CT-033](#), with their agreement/stipulations. Upon receipt and review, the court may approve the stipulation without further action of the parties, or may require parties and attorneys to appear using Zoom at 9:30 a.m. the day of the trial for approval of the agreement/stipulation. Parties and attorneys will not be needed in person on the trial date. Instructions for attending a hearing using Zoom will be provided to the parties and/or attorneys.

Appropriate stipulation and order fees as set forth in GC 70677(c) shall accompany such submissions either by check, money order, or credit card authorization form (<https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/forms/docs/cv-201.pdf>).

Subpoenaing Mediators

To subpoena the Child Custody Recommending Counselor (mediator) in the court's Office of Family Court Services the subpoena along with a check (<https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/forms/docs/cv-201.pdf>) for the amount of \$275.00 should be served at the courthouse. It is recommended that you check the availability of a mediator for a trial before serving the subpoena by emailing the Office of Family Court Services at FCS@saccourt.ca.gov.