

Superior Court of California  
County of Sacramento  
Sitting as the Juvenile Court



In the Matter of

STANDING ORDER OF THE  
JUVENILE COURT

No. SSC-JV-01-038  
Department 90

**AMENDED ORDER:  
APPOINTMENT AND RELIEF OF  
COUNSEL IN DEPENDENCY  
CASES**

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, in each juvenile dependency matter filed hereafter the following appointments of counsel are deemed to have been made upon the filing of any new Welfare and Institutions Code section 300 or 342 petition,<sup>1</sup> unless the child(ren) and parent(s) fail to appear at the detention/initial hearing.

**A. Appointment of Counsel for Petitioner**

Pursuant to section 318.5, the Sacramento County Counsel is appointed to represent the petitioner, Department of Health and Human Services, on each new dependency petition.

**B. Appointment of Counsel and CAPTA Guardian *ad Litem* for Child/Children**

The Judicial Council of California has entered into a contract with the Children's Law Center of California for the representation of all children in dependency proceedings.

In accordance with section 317 and California Rules of Court, rule 5.534,<sup>2</sup> the Children's Law Center is appointed to represent each child who is hereafter the subject of a section 300, 303(c), or 342 dependency petition. That office is also appointed pursuant to section 326.5 as each Child's CAPTA guardian *ad litem* for the dependency proceedings only.

<sup>1</sup> All further references to statutes are to the Welfare and Institutions Code.

<sup>2</sup> All further references to a rule are to the California Rules of Court.

The Judicial Council of California has entered into a contract with the Law Offices of Dale S. Wilson for the representation of children for whom representation by the Children's Law Center presents a conflict of interest. The Children's Law Center shall notify the Court if it assigns the representation of a child for whom a conflict of interest exists to the Law Offices of Dale S. Wilson. Notice of the assignment may be made orally at the detention/initial hearing, or next scheduled hearing, or by written notice filed with the 300 Support Unit at the earliest opportunity. Upon the oral announcement or the filing of written notice of the assignment, the conflict counsel selected by the Law Offices of Dale S. Wilson shall automatically be recognized as counsel of record for the child. Previously appointed conflict counsel are not automatically relieved by this Standing Order.

**C. Appointment of Counsel for Parents, Guardians, and De Facto Parents**

The Judicial Council of California has entered into a contract with the Law Offices of Dale S. Wilson for the representation of parents, guardians and de facto parents in dependency matters. In accordance with section 317 and rule 5.534, that office is appointed to represent the parents of a child/children who is/are the subject of a section 300 or 342 dependency petition. Previously appointed counsel are not relieved by this Standing Order with respect to petitions filed pursuant to section 387 or 388.


The Law Offices of Dale S. Wilson shall notify the Court if it assigns the representation of a parent for whom a conflict of interest exists to conflict counsel. Notice of the assignment may be made orally at the detention/initial hearing, or next scheduled hearing, or by written notice filed with the 300 Support Unit at the earliest opportunity. Upon the oral announcement or the filing of written notice of the assignment, the conflict counsel selected by the Law Offices of Dale S. Wilson shall automatically be recognized as counsel of record for the parent.

**D. Relieving Counsel of Record**

In accordance with section 317(d), the Law Offices of Dale S. Wilson will be automatically relieved 60 days after the child(ren)'s 18th birthday.

All other counsel must file a motion to be relieved as counsel in a dependency matter. The motion shall be filed in, and determined by, the Home Court bench officer to whom the case is assigned.

Date: November 29, 2017

  
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Stacy Boulware Eurie  
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court

