



Superior Court of California  
County of Orange

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 05/03**

This administrative order implements California Rule of Court 5.500

Before issuing a criminal court protective order, or when hearing any family law, juvenile or probate case involving an issue of domestic violence, child custody or visitation, a court must make reasonable inquiry about the existence of any criminal court protective order, or child custody or visitation orders, involving the parties or other protected persons. Such inquiry may include, but is not limited to, available databases, counsel and/or parties as appropriate.

Before or after the issuance of a criminal court protective order, the issuing court may contact, or be contacted by, another court to discuss the modification of the criminal court protective order, or a custody or visitation order, to allow or restrict contact between the person restrained by the criminal court protective order and his or her children.

Any telephonic communication between judicial officers about the merits of a case must be reported by a certified court reporter.

Any fax or email communication on the merits of the case must be made a part of the court file in each court.

If the parties are not able to participate in the communication between the courts, they must be given an opportunity to present facts and legal arguments before a decision on the merits is made.

This Administrative Order is made pursuant to California Constitutional provisions and California Rules of Court (CRC) in accordance with Government Code 68070, CRC 6.603(C)(11), CRC 981(a)(2), and CRC 5.500

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005, at Santa Ana, California.

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Frederick P. Horn  
Presiding Judge