

**Superior Court of California
County of Orange
Lamoreaux Justice Center**

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**MANDATORY TRIAL/ EVIDENTIARY HEARING
STANDING ORDERS¹**

Effective September 15, 2020

No later than 10 calendar days before the Trial or a specially set Evidentiary Hearing
ALL ATTORNEYS AND SELF-REPRESENTED PARTIES are required to:

1. Participate in at least one meaningful MEET AND CONFER CONFERENCE to discuss all undisputed issues and facts and disputed issues and facts, including each party's proposed findings on each disputed issue.
2. For all undisputed issues and facts, the parties are to submit a stipulation or offer a stipulation to the Court at the start of the hearing or trial.
3. For all disputed issues and facts, pursuant to Orange County Superior Court Local Rule 709 C, the parties are to prepare and file a Joint Statement of Disputed Issues. Exemplar templates are attached for some of the more common family law issues.²

NOTE: The attached templates are not meant to be applicable to all cases and all issues. Self-represented parties or counsel are expected to modify each applicable template to the facts and circumstances of their case keeping in mind the purpose of the Joint Statement is to make an offer of proof on each disputed issue.

If agreed, the Joint Statements can be received in evidence for judicial economy subject to cross-examination and/or argument.

The Joint Statement must be signed by all counsel or self-represented parties.

¹ This standing order applies to all cases assigned to Judge Julie A. Palafox.

² CEB Essential Form (L-0966) "Joint Statement of Issues to Be Tried" will not be accepted.

4. For all financial issues, pursuant to Orange County Superior Court Local Rule 702, the parties shall update and serve on each other the following:
 - (a) Current Income & Expense Declarations (FL-150) including all required attachments;
 - (b) The last two most recent tax returns, including personal and corporate, if applicable;
 - (c) An attorney's fees declaration and all billing invoices, if applicable.
5. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the parties are ordered to file a List of Witnesses, including a short statement of anticipated testimony and time estimates for direct and cross examination in the format attached.
6. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, the parties are ordered to file a List of Exhibits in the format attached.

The parties are further ordered to pre-mark all exhibits using the Court's designated exhibit tabs (see attachment) and exchange all exhibits no later than 10 days prior to the hearing/trial.³

Petitioner's exhibits shall be pre-marked with numbers (1, 2, 3, etc.). Each page of the exhibit must also be pre-marked sequentially (1-1, 1-2, 1-3, etc.)

Respondent's exhibits shall be pre-marked with letters (A, B, C, ... AA, BB, CC, etc.). Each page of the exhibit must also be pre-marked sequentially (A-1, A-2, A-3, etc.)

7. Parties are invited, but not required to submit trial or hearing briefs with a memorandum of points and authorities on unique or novel legal issues.
8. Any violation of and/or failure to comply with these rules may result in the Court continuing the matter or vacating the trial/hearing date and/or issuing sanctions.⁴

Dated: September 15, 2020



JUDGE JULIE A. PALAFOX

³ The Court will not accept pre-marked exhibits until the date of trial/hearing.

⁴ Pursuant to CCP §§128.5, 177.5; Family Code §271; or California Rules of Court, Rule 5.14.