

Rule 701.5 Related Cases

- A. A related case for purposes of Division 7 of these rules is an **Orange County** court case or a court case in another county involving either of the parties or the minor children of the parties. Examples of a related case include a family law case, a guardianship case, a domestic violence case, a child support collection case, a criminal case, and/or a juvenile case involving a minor child of one or both of the parties.
- B. In order to identify related cases for the purpose of avoiding duplicate cases, conflicting orders and unnecessary hearings, every person appearing in a Family Law case before the Orange County Superior Court will be assigned a person identification number or otherwise have all cases in which the person is a party linked together.
- C. The parties must disclose the existence of any related case and provide the full name, known aliases, date of birth, and email address, if any, for all parties in the case. Parties shall expend due diligence in attempting to obtain personal identification information and have a continuing responsibility to ascertain and provide personal identification information. This information shall be provided to the court by filing a Confidential - *Party Identification and Notice of Related Case(s)* (local mandatory form L-1120.) The court must maintain the form as Confidential and shall require a Court Order to release said information at any time to any party.
- D. A completed Confidential - *Party Identification and Notice of Related Case(s)* must accompany every Family Law case-initiating pleading and any ex parte applications. This document is to be filed with the court. It is not to be served on any party.
- E. After filing of the initial Confidential - *Party Identification and Notice of Related Case(s)*, when either party becomes aware of additional cases and/or personal identification information, that party must file an updated Confidential - *Party Identification and Notice of Related Case(s)* with that case information.

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