

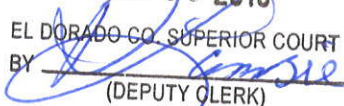


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COUNTY OF EL DORADO**

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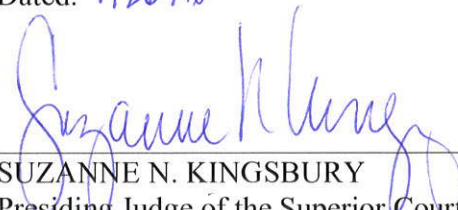
EL DORADO CO. SUPERIOR COURT
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DATE: January 26, 2016
JUDGE: Suzanne N. Kingsbury, Presiding Judge
CLERK: Suzanne M. Thurman

**STANDING ORDER
RE: LOCAL RULE 8.27.00**

Effective immediately, Rule 8.27.00 Family Centered Case Resolution Process, of the Local Rules for the Superior Court, County of El Dorado, is hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto.

Dated: 1/26/16



SUZANNE N. KINGSBURY
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California

cc: Bench officers
Court administration

EXHIBIT A

8.27.00 FAMILY CENTERED CASE RESOLUTION PROCESS

(Effective July 1, 2013)

8.27.01 AUTHORITY

This rule is intended to implement a family centered case resolution process in conformance with Family Code sections 2450 – 2451 and California Rules of Court, rule 5.83.

(Effective July 1, 2013)

8.27.02 APPLICABILITY

This rule applies to all dissolution, legal separation, nullity, and parentage cases filed after July 1, 2013.

(Effective July 1, 2013)

8.27.03 STATUS CONFERENCE

- A. Upon the filing of any case listed in Local Rule 8.27.02, the court will issue a notice of status conference and calendar 3 status conferences: one within 6 months of the filing of the petition, one within 1 year of filing of the petition, and one within 18 months of the filing of the petition. The court also will calendar 2 dismissal hearings, one after 2 years of the date of the filing of the petition and one after 5 years of the filing of the petition, at which point the court shall consider the dismissal of the case for failure to serve the Respondent or for failure to obtain a final judgment, pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure 583.4209(a)(1) and California Code of Civil Procedure 583.310, respectively. The petitioner shall serve the notice of status conference on the respondent with the summons and petition and any other initial papers to be served with the summons and petition.
- B. The purpose of the Status Conference is to assess the case early and assist the litigants with creating a case management plan for resolution of all the issues presented in their cases. The design of the case management plan will depend on the complexity of the case.
- C. On request of either party or on the court's own motion, the court may set any matter for a Status Conference.
- D. The parties are not required to attend the Status Conferences, unless required to attend by order of the court, but the parties may attend to discuss the status of their case.

(Revised January 26, 2016)

8.27.04 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE

8.27.05 STATUS CONFERENCE AND COURT'S ROLE

- A. At the Status Conference, the judicial officer, or his or her designee, which could include court staff or a temporary judge, will review the case to determine whether it is progressing towards disposition in a timely and effective manner in accordance with the milestones, disposition standards, and additional factors set forth in California Rules of Court, rule 5.83. The judicial officer may take action authorized by California Rules of Court, rule 5.83, including but not limited to setting additional Status Conferences, setting a family centered case resolution conference, or scheduling the case for further review without appearances by the parties.
- B. Any party in attendance at a Status Conference must inform the court of the following

matters:

- (1) The attendance of both parties at family court Services mediation;
 - (2) The service by both parties of a complete preliminary declaration of disclosure;
 - (3) The filing with the court of a declaration regarding service of declaration of disclosure and income and expense declaration;
 - (4) The readiness of the parties to participate in mediation;
 - (5) The appropriateness of referral to arbitration;
 - (6) The willingness of the parties to limit, schedule, or expedite discovery, including the willingness to provide the opposing party, without a discovery request:
 - a. The name, address, and telephone number of each individual likely to have desirable information that supports the party's disclosures, and
 - b. A copy of, or a description by category and location of, all documents, data compilations, and tangible things that are in the possession, custody, or control of the party and that supports the party's disclosures.
 - (7) The appropriateness of implementation of a family centered case resolution plan pursuant to Family Code section 2451; and
 - (8) The willingness of the parties to stipulate to the appointment of court experts, and allocate the expert's expense, or to schedule a hearing for the appointment and expense allocation of court experts.
- C. At any Status Conference the court may:
- (1) Schedule disclosure of expert witnesses, by stipulation;
 - (2) Inquire whether issues can be narrowed by stipulation and set dates for the filing of stipulations;
 - (3) Set dates for further Status Conferences, as needed, and no less often than every 6 months;
 - (4) Set dates for other events that must take place before the next Status Conference;
 - (5) Set the date for trial and/or settlement conferences; and
 - (6) Take such other action, as permitted by law, which could promote the just and efficient disposition of the case.

(Revised January 26, 2016)