

Superior Court of California  
County of Madera  
Local Rules of Court

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MADERA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES FOR ALL PURPOSES  
PURSUANT TO RULE 3.734 OF THE CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT

2026 MISCELLANEOUS ORDER No. 3

IT IS ORDERED that effective January 2, 2026, and until further order, judicial assignments are made, and cases are assigned for all purposes pursuant to Rule 3.734 of the California Rules of Court, as follows:

Department 17: Commissioner Elizabeth Diaz is assigned to hear all traffic proceedings under the Vehicle Code including law and motion, settlement, and court trial. Jury trials once confirmed shall be assigned to the criminal department for Final Trial Confirmation based upon the terminal number as outlined in the attached chart. New arraignments for traffic misdemeanors with a terminal case number ending in an even number (i.e., 2, 4, 6, 8, and 0) will be set in Department 17.

Department 17: Commissioner Douglas Treisman is assigned to hear all family support cases including law and motion, settlement, and trial.

Department 21: The Hon. Katherine M. Rigby is assigned all criminal cases filed in the Criminal Division (and any related criminal proceedings filed in the Civil Division) of the Madera Superior Court that have the terminal number as outlined in the attached chart for all purposes, including law and motion, settlement, and trial.

Department 22: The Hon. Miguel Valdovinos is assigned all criminal cases filed in the Criminal Division (and any related criminal proceedings filed in the Civil Division) of the Madera Superior Court that have the terminal number as outlined in the attached chart for all purposes, including law and motion, settlement, and trial.

Department 23: The Hon. Ernest J. LiCalsi presides over the assignment of all criminal jury trials and all jury trials assigned to his department.

Department 29: The Hon. Sosi C. Vogt is assigned all criminal cases filed in the Criminal Division (and any related criminal proceedings filed in the Civil Division) of the Madera Superior Court that have the terminal number as outlined in the attached chart for all purposes, including law and motion, settlement, and trial. She is the Assistant Presiding Judge. She is the Presiding Judge of the Drug Court.

Department 36: All proceedings under Sections 300, 601, and 602 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, as well as all truancy cases, and adoption proceedings for all purposes including law and motion, settlement, and trial are assigned to Department 36. This department is currently vacant and all matters assigned to Department 36 will be heard by assigned judges.

Department 37: The Hon. Dale J. Blea is assigned all family law cases (except child support proceedings) and all probate guardianship proceedings concerning a child only which is filed in the Civil Division of the Madera Superior Court that have a terminal case number ending in an odd number (i.e., 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9) for all purposes, including law and motion matters, *ex parte* matters and trials (both long cause and short cause). In addition, he is assigned to hear all traffic misdemeanor proceedings under the Vehicle Code including law and motion, settlement, and court trial. Jury trials once confirmed shall be assigned to the criminal department for Final Trial Confirmation based upon the terminal number as outlined in the attached chart. New arraignments for traffic misdemeanors with a terminal case number ending in an odd number (i.e., 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9) will be set in Department 37. He is also assigned batterers' treatment program reviews with a terminal case number ending in an odd number (i.e., 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9), including violations of probation wherein no new law violation is alleged up through and including sentencing. He is the Presiding Judge of the Court. He is the Presiding Judge of the Veteran's Treatment Court.

Department 40: The Hon. D. Lynn Collet is assigned all family law cases (except child support proceedings) and all probate guardianship proceedings concerning a child only which is filed in the Civil Division of the Madera Superior Court that have a terminal case number ending in an even number (i.e., 2, 4, 6, 8, and 0) for all purposes, including law and motion matters, *ex parte* matters and trials (both long cause and short cause). She is assigned batterers' treatment program reviews with a terminal case number ending in an even number (i.e., 2, 4, 6, 8, and 0), including violations of probation wherein no new law violation is alleged up through and including sentencing. She is the Presiding Judge of the Behavioral Health Court and the Presiding Judge of the Appellate Department.

Department 44: The Hon. Eric J. LiCalsi is assigned all cases (except family law proceedings, child support proceedings and criminal proceedings) filed in the Civil Division of the Madera Superior Court that have a terminal case number ending in an odd number (i.e., 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) for all purposes, including case management conferences, law and motion matters, *ex parte* matters and trials (both long cause and short cause).

Department 45: The Hon. Brian W. Enos is assigned all criminal cases filed in the Criminal Division (and any related criminal proceedings filed in the Civil Division) of the Madera Superior Court that have the terminal number as outlined in the attached chart for all purposes, including law and motion, settlement, and trial.

Temporary Remote Department: The Hon. Michael J. Jurkovich is assigned all cases (except family law proceedings, child support proceedings and criminal proceedings) filed in the Civil Division of the Madera Superior Court that have a terminal case number ending in an even number (i.e., 2, 4, 6, 8 and 0) for all purposes, including case management conferences, law and motion matters, *ex parte* matters and trials (both long cause and short cause). He is assigned the responsibility of CARE Court, selecting and supervising the Grand Jury and is the Supervising Judge of the Civil Division.

The Clerk of this Court shall post copies of this Order for public inspection.

Dated: JANUARY 2, 2026



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Hon. Dale J. Blea  
Presiding Judge 2025-2026

When a defendant has both a MCR numbered case(s) and a SCR numbered case(s), the lowest number of the MCR case(s) will determine which department the cases are to be assigned.

| <u>Department Assigned</u> |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Department 29              | 0  | 20 | 40 | 60 | 80 |
| Department 21              | 1  | 21 | 41 | 61 | 81 |
| Department 22              | 2  | 22 | 42 | 62 | 82 |
| Department 45              | 3  | 23 | 43 | 63 | 83 |
| Department 29              | 4  | 24 | 44 | 64 | 84 |
| Department 21              | 5  | 25 | 45 | 65 | 85 |
| Department 22              | 6  | 26 | 46 | 66 | 86 |
| Department 45              | 7  | 27 | 47 | 67 | 87 |
| Department 29              | 8  | 28 | 48 | 68 | 88 |
| Department 21              | 9  | 29 | 49 | 69 | 89 |
| Department 22              | 10 | 30 | 50 | 70 | 90 |
| Department 45              | 11 | 31 | 51 | 71 | 91 |
| Department 29              | 12 | 32 | 52 | 72 | 92 |
| Department 21              | 13 | 33 | 53 | 73 | 93 |
| Department 22              | 14 | 34 | 54 | 74 | 94 |
| Department 45              | 15 | 35 | 55 | 75 | 95 |
| Department 29              | 16 | 36 | 56 | 76 | 96 |
| Department 21              | 17 | 37 | 57 | 77 | 97 |
| Department 22              | 18 | 38 | 58 | 78 | 98 |
| Department 45              | 19 | 39 | 59 | 79 | 99 |

**Department 29:** 0, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60, 64, 68, 72, 76, 80, 84, 88, 92, 96

**Department 21:** 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 45, 49, 53, 57, 61, 65, 69, 73, 77, 81, 85, 89, 93, 97

**Department 22:** 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30, 34, 38, 42, 46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 70, 74, 78, 82, 86, 90, 94, 98

**Department 45:** 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31, 35, 39, 43, 47, 51, 55, 59, 63, 67, 71, 75, 79, 83, 87, 91, 95, 99