

Superior Court of California
County of Madera
Local Rules of Court

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF MADERA

IN THE MATTER OF THE REASSIGNMENT OF CASES FOR ALL PURPOSES
PURSUANT TO RULE 3.734 OF THE CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT UPON
DISQUALIFICATION OF A JUDGE WITHIN THE JUVENILE DIVISION

2026 MISCELLANEOUS ORDER No. 6 – 1st Amended

IT IS ORDERED that effective August 3, 2026, cases in which the presiding judge within the Juvenile Division of the court¹ is disqualified shall be reassigned as follows:

1. All cases assigned to Department 36 in which the judicial officer is disqualified shall first be reassigned to Department 21.
2. If Department 21 is either disqualified or unavailable, then the case(s) shall be reassigned to Department 22.
3. If Department 22 is either disqualified or unavailable, then the case(s) shall be reassigned to Department 23.
4. If Department 23 is either disqualified or unavailable, then the case(s) shall be reassigned to Department 38.
5. If Department 38 is either disqualified or unavailable, then the case(s) shall be reassigned to Department 24.

If Department 36, Department 21, Department 22, Department 23, Department 38, and Department 24 are disqualified or not available the matter shall be routed to the presiding judge of the Madera County Superior Court (if not disqualified) or assistant presiding judge (if not disqualified) for further reassignment. If both the presiding judge of the Madera County Superior Court and assistant presiding judge are disqualified, the case(s) shall be routed to the most senior judge² available who has not been disqualified for reassignment.

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

Dated: August 3, 2026



Hon. Dale J. Blea
Presiding Judge 2025-2026

¹ Juvenile Division shall be defined as matters heard regularly in Department 36.

² The most senior judge shall be determined by the date the judge was sworn into office.