

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

IT IS ORDERED that effective January 2, 2026, cases in which the presiding judge within the Juvenile Division of the court<sup>1</sup> 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 29.
2. If Department 29 is either disqualified or unavailable, then the case(s) shall be reassigned to Department 21.
3. If Department 21 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 22.
5. If Department 22 is either disqualified or unavailable, then the case(s) shall be reassigned to Department 45.

If Department 36, Department 29, Department 21, Department 23, Department 22 and Department 45 are disqualified or not available the matter shall be routed to the presiding judge of the Madera Superior Court (if not disqualified) or assistant presiding judge (if not disqualified) for further reassignment. If both the presiding judge of the Madera Superior Court and assistant presiding judge are disqualified, the case(s) shall be routed to the most senior judge<sup>2</sup> available who has not been disqualified for reassignment.

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

Dated: January 2, 2026

  
Hon. Dale J. Blea  
Presiding Judge 2025-2026

<sup>1</sup> Juvenile Division shall be defined as matters heard regularly in Department 36.

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