

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 – 1st Amended

IT IS ORDERED that effective May 26, 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 case 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 a terminal case 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 a terminal case number as outlined in the attached chart for all purposes, including law and motion, settlement, and trial.

Department 23: The Hon. Dale J. Blea presides over the assignment of all criminal jury trials and all jury trials assigned to his department. He is the Presiding Judge of the Court.

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 a terminal case number as outlined in the attached chart for all purposes, including law and motion, settlement, and trial. She is the Assistant Presiding Judge of the Court and the Presiding Judge of Drug Court.

Department 36: The Hon. Ernest J. LiCalsi 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. He is the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court.

Department 37: The Hon. Daniel Walters 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 case 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 to all Batterers' Treatment Program review hearings. He is the Presiding Judge of the Batterers 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 to all Behavioral Health Court and Veterans' Treatment Court hearings. She is the Presiding Judge of the Behavioral Health Court, Veteran's Treatment 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: May 12, 2026

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>					
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