

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**

In Re:

**SETTING OF FAMILY LAW CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AND
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE HEARING FOR
FAILURE TO COMPLY IN A FAMILY LAW
ACTION** /

STANDING ORDER: 2025-04

An initial Case Management Conference and an Order to Show Cause hearing for failure to timely file a proof of service will be scheduled in all new Family Law actions pertaining to dissolution of marriage, legal separation, nullity of marriage, parentage, or child custody and support. The court will set the Order to Show Cause hearing for a date not later than 65-70 days after the filing date of the new petition. The Order to Show Cause hearing will be vacated upon timely filing of the required proof of service, or a dismissal of the action, and parties will not be required to appear.


The court will schedule an initial Case Management Conference within 180 days of the filing of a new petition. Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 5.83, two subsequent Case Management Conferences must be scheduled within 180 days of a previous case management conference. Thereafter, an Order to Show Cause hearing for failure to timely obtain judgment or otherwise move the case forward will be set for a date not later than 30 days after the third and final Case Management Conference. A Case Management Conference or an Order to Show Cause hearing will be vacated upon filing of a judgment, a trial request, or dismissal of the action, and parties will not be required to appear.

All new Family Law petitions pertaining to dissolution of marriage, legal separation, nullity of marriage, parentage, or child custody and support filed and submitted pursuant to Local Rule 1.7, must include local form *MFL-250 Notice of Family Law Case Management Conference and Order to Show Cause re: Failure to Comply with Service Deadlines* with the case name completed. The court clerk will set the required hearing dates and will return the form to the e-filer. For new filings submitted by any non-e-filing means, the clerk will prepare and deliver the *Notice* form to the filing party at the time that the petition is filed. The party filing the initial pleading must serve a copy of the completed *Notice* on the responding party, together with the summons, petition, and other initial pleadings within 60 days of the date of filing and must promptly file proof of service with the court.

The court may impose sanctions for failure to comply with service and/or default deadlines.

This standing order shall expire on **July 1, 2025**.

Dated: 2.4.25



KEITH FAULDER
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court