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## **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

### **GENERAL DIRECTIVE BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE**

**DIRECTIVE NO: 2026-25**

**SUBJECT: COURT REPORTERS IN FAMILY LAW CASES**

Given the Court's ongoing and deteriorating shortage of court reporters, as described in General Directive No. 2026-24, the Court will no longer be able to follow its historical practice of providing reporters in Family Law cases. Accordingly, parties in Family Law proceedings may provide their own court reporters. (See, e.g., Alameda County Superior Court Local Rule 3.95.) If a party is unable to afford a court reporter and/or if a reporter is unavailable to the parties, then the court may make the findings described in General Directive 2026-24 and use a recording device in a manner consistent with that General Directive.

This directive shall expire on December 31, 2026.

Issued: January 27, 2026

  
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Michael M. Markman, Presiding Judge  
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda