

Local Rules of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda  
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<b>TITLE I: GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES</b>					
1	1	1.1	Citation and effect of rules	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007
1	1	1.2	Construction and application of rules	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007
1	1	1.3	Effective date of these rules	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007
1	1	1.4	Forms [Reserved]	July 1, 2007	-
1	1	1.5	Definitions	May 19, 1998	September 15, 2024
1	1	1.6	Judges' vacation day	August 1, 2000	July 1, 2007
1	1	1.7	Electronic devices in courthouses and other court locations	January 1, 2015	July 3, 2023
1	1	1.7.1	Prohibited activities in and around a courthouse	January 1, 2022	
1	1	1.8	Facsimile filing	May 19, 1998	September 15, 2024
1	1	1.8.1	Additional rules for filing and hearings [Repealed]	April 30, 2022	July 1, 2025
1	1	1.9	Presentation of papers for filing in civil, family law, and probate	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2026
1	1	1.10	Composition of jury panels	July 1, 1999	February 8, 2021
1	1	1.11	Protocol regarding inter-court communication of domestic violence restraining orders	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2007
1	1	1.12	Jury questionnaires	February 8, 2021	-
1	1	1.13	Failure to comply with these rules	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007
1	1	1.85	Electronic filing of documents in criminal cases	January 1, 2016	-

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1	1	1.85	Electronic filing of documents in juvenile cases	January 1, 2016	-
1	1	1.90	Remote proceedings	February 8, 2021	April 30, 2022
1	2	-	Policies	-	-
1	2	2.0	Policy against bias	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
<b>TITLE 2: [Reserved]</b>					
<b>TITLE 3: CIVIL CASES</b>					
3	1	-	Rules Applicable to All Civil Cases	-	-
3	1	3.1	Title	July 1, 2007	-
3	1	3.10	Application	July 1, 2007	-
3	1	3.20	Designation of civil cases	July 1, 2007	-
3	1	3.25	Status or case management conference	July 1, 2007	-
3	1	3.26	Notice of death	January 1, 2009	-
3	1	3.27	Electronic filing and service	July 1, 2021	January 1, 2023
3	1	3.30	Law and motion	July 1, 2007	July 1, 2018
3	1	3.31	Discovery	January 1, 2019	January 1, 2026
3	1	3.35	Standing pretrial orders	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2018
3	1	3.50	Requirement for finding reasonable diligence for substituted service	January 1, 2008	January 1, 2010
3	1	3.60	Default matters	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007

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3	1	3.70	Recovery of costs and attorney fees when judgment is for amount within small claims court jurisdiction	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007
3	1	3.90	Failure to comply with these rules	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2016
3	1	3.95	Court reporters	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2026
3	1	3.97	Return of exhibits	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007
3	2	-	Limited and Unlimited Civil Cases	-	-
3	2	3.100	Title	July 1, 2007	-
3	2	3.110	Application of this chapter	July 1, 2007	July 1, 2018
3	2	3.120	Assignment of cases	July 1, 2007	July 1, 2018
3	2	3.130	Notice of assignment	July 1, 2007	July 1, 2018
3	2	3.131	Assignment of temporary judges to hear civil causes	January 1, 2024	
3	2	3.135	Service of notices	July 1, 2007	July 1, 2008
3	2	3.140	Designation of assigned judge in subsequent documents	July 1, 2007	July 1, 2018
3	2	3.150	[Reserved]	July 1, 2007	July 1, 2008
3	2	3.160	Unavailability of assigned judge	July 1, 2007	-
3	2	3.170	Case management	May 18, 1998	July 1, 2025
3	3	-	Complex, Asbestos, and Silica Cases	-	-
3	3	3.250	Determination of a case as a complex case or an asbestos or silica case	August 1, 2000	January 1, 2009
3	3	3.260	Assignment of complex, asbestos, and silica cases	August 1, 2000	January 1, 2009

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3	3	3.280	Service requirements in asbestos and silica cases	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007
3	3	3.285	Standard interrogatories in asbestos and silica cases	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007
3	3	3.290	Case management for asbestos and silica cases	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2018
3	4	-	Other Special Civil Case Types	-	-
3	4	3.300	Cases involving the California Environmental Quality Act	July 1, 1999	July 1, 2007
3	4	3.330	Format of the administrative record	July 1, 1999	July 1, 2018
3	4	3.335	Disputes regarding the contents of the administrative record	July 1, 1999	July 1, 2018
3	4	3.340	Briefing schedule and length of memoranda	July 1, 1999	July 1, 2018
3	4	3.350	Settlement meeting	July 1, 1999	July 1, 2018
3	4	3.370	Statement of issues	July 1, 1999	July 1, 2007
3	4	3.380	Trial notebooks	July 1, 1999	July 1, 2018
3	4	3.400	Other petitions for administrative or ordinary mandamus [Reserved]	July 1, 2007	-
3	4	3.500	Petitions to compel arbitration or to confirm an arbitration award [Reserved]	July 1, 2007	-
3	4	3.600	Unlawful detainers	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2018
3	4	3.610	Undertakings	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2008
3	4	3.620	Request for trial date	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007
3	4	3.630	Notice that defendant has vacated premises and redesignation of case	July 1, 2007	-
3	4	3.640	Status conference	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007

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3	4	3.650	Applications for stays of execution or other extraordinary relief	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007
3	5	-	Alternative Dispute Resolution	-	-
3	5	3.700	Use of alternative dispute resolution processes encouraged	July 1, 2007	-
3	5	3.710	Rules for alternative dispute resolution processes other than judicial arbitration	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007
3	5	3.720	Alternative dispute resolution provider list	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2018
3	5	3.740	The ADR Administration Committee	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2007
3	5	3.750	Complaint procedure	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2010
3	5	3.760	Inquiries and complaints	January 1, 2010	-
<b>TITLE 4: CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC RULES</b>					
4	1	-	General Provisions	-	-
4	1	4.1	Title	January 1, 2008	-
4	1	4.10	Continuances	January 1, 2008	-
4	2	-	Criminal Rules	-	-
4	2	4.100	Organization	August 1, 2000	July 1, 2018
4	2	4.110	Adoption of uniform bail schedules	January 1, 2007	January 1, 2008
4	2	4.120	Special circumstances cases	August 1, 2000	January 1, 2008
4	2	4.130	Withdrawal of time waiver	July 1, 2009	
4	2	4.150	Exhibit posing security or safety problem	July 1, 2015	July 1, 2018

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4	2	4.160	CALICO recordings and transcripts	July 1, 2021	
4	3	-	[Reserved]	-	-
4	4	-	Traffic Rules	-	-
4	4	4.300	Motions for transfer to county seat	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
4	4	4.310	Trial by declaration	January 1, 2008	-
4	4	4.320	Trial by declaration in absentia	January 1, 2008	July 1, 2009
4	4	4.330	Continuances	January 1, 2008	-
4	4	4.335	Defendant's personal appearance required at trial	January 1, 2011	-
4	4	4.340	Motion to re-open case adjudicated by bail forfeiture	January 1, 2008	-
4	4	4.350	Ability to pay determinations for traffic and infraction fines and fees	July 1, 2023	
<b>TITLE 5: FAMILY AND JUVENILE RULES</b>					
5	-	5.1	Title	January 1, 2008	-
5	Division 1	-	Family Rules	-	-
5	1	-	General Provisions	-	-
5	1	5.5	Division Title	January 1, 2008	
5	1	5.10	Office of the Family Law Facilitator	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.11	Remote appearances	July 1, 2023	January 1, 2026
5	1	5.12	Electronic filing and service in family proceedings	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2025
5	1	5.15	Declaration of notice on application for emergency orders	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2013

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5	1	5.15.1	Ex Parte Review and Application	July 1, 2026	
5	1	5.17	Service of notice of initial status conference	January 1, 2012	July 1, 2026
5	1	5.20	Child visitation by a nonprofessional supervisor	January 1, 2008	January 1, 2009
5	1	5.25	Requests to set settlement conferences and trial dates	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2016
5	1	5.26	Deferred Status Conference Pending Collaborative Law Process, Private Mediation, or Court Appointed Private Judge	January 1, 2026	
5	1	5.30	Motions and hearings	January 1, 2008	January 1, 2013
5	1	5.35	Requests to continue or drop a short-cause hearing, family law status conference, or a family centered case resolution conference	January 1, 2008	July 1, 2014
5	1	5.37	Application and Order for Telephone Appearance	January 1, 2013	July 1, 2023
5	1	5.40	Requests to continue settlement conferences, long-cause hearings, and trials	January 1, 2008	October 1, 2014
5	1	5.45	Conduct of status conferences, case resolution conferences, and settlement conferences	January 1, 2008	January 1, 2016
5	1	5.50	Conduct of trials	January 1, 2008	-
5	1	5.70	Guideline for spousal support or partner support	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.71	Marital settlement agreements	January 1, 2015	-
5	1	5.72	Judgments involving child custody, child support, or spousal support	July 1, 2010	January 1, 2016
5	1	5.73	Submission of earning assignment orders	January 1, 2015	-
5	1	5.75	Child custody recommending counseling	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2026

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5	1	5.80	Child custody evaluation	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.82	Complaints regarding court-appointed counsel for a child	July 1, 2010	-
5	1	5.85	Private mediation by stipulation	January 1, 2008	-
5	1	5.95	Title IV-D commissioners	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2012
5	1	5.100	Sanctions	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
5	Division 2	-	Juvenile Rules	-	-
5	1	-	General Provisions	-	-
5	1	5.501	Division title	January 1, 2008	-
5	1	5.502	Juvenile court administration	Revised	January 1, 2011
5	1	5.503	Filing reports	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.504	Calendaring and continuances	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.505	Required attendance at hearings	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.506	Discovery	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.507	Ex parte requests for orders	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.508	Health Assessments	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.510	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.511	Interagency information sharing	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.512	Application for access to juvenile court records	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.514	Visitation before detention hearing	Revised	January 1, 2008

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5	1	5.520	Objections in the nature of a general demurrer to the petition	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.522	Uncontested jurisdiction hearing settings; use as settlement conference	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.530	Procedures governing CALICO videotapes	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.532	De facto parents	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.533	Dependency mediation	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.534	Standing referral to dependency mediation in anticipation of dismissal	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.535	Standing referral to dependency mediation for family matters	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.536	Attorney competency requirements	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.537	Motions to be relieved as counsel for a parent	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.540	Procedure for complaints concerning dependency attorneys	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.541	Informing the court of other interests of a dependent child	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.542	Authorization for foster parents to approved school activities	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.543	Travel with foster parents and group homes	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.544	Disclosure of medical information to foster parents and	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.545	Disclosure of education and medical information to social workers and children's attorneys	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.546	Welfare and Institutions Code section 388 petitions	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.547	Appearances on behalf of the Social Services Agency	Revised	January 1, 2008

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5	1	5.551	Pretrial hearings	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.553	Calendaring cases involving placement failures and runaways	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.555	Designation of statutory basis for declaring a 707(b) offense	Revised	January 1, 2008
5	1	5.557	Notice to dependency attorney of section 241.1 reports	Revised	January 1, 2008
<b>TITLE 6: MENTAL HEALTH RULES</b>					
6	1	6.1	Title	January 1, 2023	
6	1	6.2	Application	January 1, 2023	
6	1	6.3	Electronic filing and service	January 1, 2023	
<b>TITLE 7: PROBATE RULES</b>					
7	-	7.1	Title	January 1, 2008	-
7	1	-	General Provisions	-	-
7	1	7.2	Electronic filing and service in probate proceedings	July 1, 2022	January 1, 2023
7	1	7.2.1	Electronic filing and service in mental health cases	July 1, 2022	January 1, 2023
7	1	7.5	Special settings	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	1	7.10	"Pre-grant" procedures	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	1	7.20	Use of alternative dispute resolution processes encouraged	January 1, 2011	-
7	1	7.30	Rules for alternative dispute resolution processes other than judicial arbitration	January 1, 2011	-

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7	1	7.40	Alternative dispute resolution provider list	January 1, 2011	-
7	1	7.50	ADR Administration Committee and complaint procedure	January 1, 2011	-
7	2	7.105	Required Documents, Contents of Application and Declaration Regarding Notice	July 1, 2018	-
7	2	7.110	Time of Notice to Interested Persons and Persons who Requested Special Notice	July 1, 2018	-
7	2	7.115	Contents of Notice and Declaration Regarding Notice	July 1, 2018	-
7	2	7.120	Ex parte Applications Excluded from Notice Requirement	July 1, 2018	-
7	2	7.125	Service of Papers	July 1, 2018	-
7	3	-	Pleadings	-	-
7	3	7.150	Copy of will and codicil	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	3	7.155	Title and Vesting Document	July 1, 2018	-
7	3	7.160	Required Community Property Allegations	July 1, 2018	-
7	3	7.165	Required Disclosure by Proposed Conservator of the estate or Proposed Trustee	July 1, 2018	-
7	3	7.170	Disinterested Petitioner Required for Compromise of Disputed Claim	July 1, 2018	-
7	3	7.175	Minimum Bond for Out-of-State Personal Representatives	July 1, 2018	-
7	4	-	[Reserved]	January 1, 2008	-
7	5	-	[Reserved]	January 1, 2008	-
7	6	-	[Reserved]	January 1, 2008	-
7	7	-	[Reserved]	January 1, 2008	-

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7	8	-	[Reserved]	January 1, 2008	-
7	9	-	[Reserved]	January 1, 2008	-
7	10	-	Sales of Real Property and Personal Property in Decedent's Estates	-	-
7	10	7.300	Reappraisals	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	10	7.310	Cash deposit on bids for real property	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	10	7.320	Disclosure of extraordinary costs	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	10	7.330	Notice of confirmation hearing	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	10	7.340	Appearance by bidders	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	10	7.350	Sale of specifically devised or bequeathed property	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	10	7.360	Sale of securities	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	11	-	[Reserved]	January 1, 2008	-
7	12	-	Accounts and Reports of Executors and Administrators	-	-
7	12	7.380	Notation of omitted schedules	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	12	7.390	Contents of account	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	13	-	[Reserved]	January 1, 2008	-
7	14	-	Preliminary and Final Distributions	-	-
7	14	7.400	Forms of decrees	May 19, 1998	July 1, 2008
7	15	-	Compensation of Personal Representatives and Attorneys	-	-

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7	15	7.410	Extraordinary compensation when statutory compensation exceeds \$20,000	July 1, 2008	-
7	15	7.420	Extraordinary compensation for sales or real property	July 1, 2008	-
7	15	7.430	Extraordinary compensation for preparation of tax returns	July 1, 2008	-
7	16	-	[Reserved]	January 1, 2008	-
7	17	-	[Reserved]	January 1, 2008	-
7	18	-	[Reserved]	January 1, 2008	-
7	19	-	Trusts	-	-
7	19	7.500	Requirements for trustee's accounts	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	19	7.510	Contents of first account	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	19	7.520	Description of principal and income	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	19	7.530	Frequency for filing accounts	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	19	7.540	Service on beneficiaries when power sought is not conferred	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	19	7.550	Bond for trustee	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	20	-	[Reserved]	January 1, 2008	-
7	21	-	Guardianships	-	-
7	21	7.710	Notice to parties in related actions	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	21	7.720	Appearance of proposed guardian and minor	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	21	7.730	Waiver of court investigator fee	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008

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7	21	7.740	Notice of hearings on petitions for temporary guardianship	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	21	7.750	Inventory and appraisal required	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	21	7.760	Contents of inventories in no or cash-only asset cases	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	21	7.780	Accounts in guardianship proceedings	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	21	7.790	Requirements if use of estate is sought to support ward	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	22	-	Conservatorships	-	-
7	22	7.800	Hearing on the petition for appointment	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	22	7.810	General plan	July 1, 2008	-
7	22	7.820	Appointment of legal counsel for conservatees and proposed conservatees	July 1, 2008	-
7	22	7.830	Payment of court investigator fees	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	22	7.840	Disclosure of benefits received	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	22	7.860	Reports accompanying accounts	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	22	7.870	Status report required	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	22	7.880	Bond required	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
7	22	7.895	Additional contents for petitions filed by private professional conservators	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
<b>TITLE 8: APPELLATE DIVISION RULES</b>					
8	1	-	General Provisions	-	-
8	1	8.1	Title	January 1, 2008	-

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8	1	8.10	Application	January 1, 2008	-
8	1	8.100	Dismissal upon failure to file opening brief	January 1, 2008	-
8	1	8.110	Record on appeal in traffic court matters	January 1, 2015	-
8	1	8.120	Briefs	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
8	1	8.140	Motions	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
8	1	8.150	Court reporter	May 19, 1998	January 1, 2008
<b>APPENDICES</b>					
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	Appendix	B	Guideline for Attorney Fees	July 1, 2008	-
	Appendix	C	Conservatorship (Probate & LPS) and Guardianship Fee Guidelines for the Public Guardian, the County Counsel, and the Public Defender	July 1, 2008	July 1, 2024