



Chambers of
Erick L. Larsh
PRESIDING JUDGE

Superior Court of California County of Orange

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AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 16/06

ORDER WAIVING LIMITATIONS FOR TEMPORARY JUDGES IN FAMILY LAW CASES

Subsection (b)(3) of Rule 2.818 of the California Rules of Court provides that "an attorney may not serve as a court-appointed temporary judge ... in a family law [case where] one party is self-represented and the other party is represented by an attorney or is an attorney." Rule 2.818 also provides that the Presiding Judge may waive this limitation upon a finding of good cause.

The Court hereby finds good cause exists to waive the limitations for temporary judges in family law cases as set forth in subsection (b)(3) of Rule 2.818. Good cause exists because of the continuing shortage of judicial assets in the Superior Court, resulting in the need to utilize temporary judges in order to enhance access to timely justice for the public. The Court finds further cause for this waiver in the fact that as of this date, by Court policy, temporary judges are only utilized to preside over change of name petitions, to assist in settlement and mediation activities, and to handle purely default matters, case management conferences, and status conferences.

Therefore, despite the limitation set forth in Rule 2.818 subsection (b)(3), a duly appointed temporary judge is hereby authorized to hear a family law case wherein one party is self-represented and the other party is represented by counsel, as long as any required stipulation is received.

This Order supersedes and amends former Administrative Order No. 16/06, and is effective October 8, 2021. This Order will remain effective until such time as the Presiding Judge determines that good cause no longer exists.

IT IS SO ORDERED this eighth day of October 2021 at Santa Ana, California.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erick L. Larsh", written over a horizontal line.

Erick L. Larsh
Presiding Judge