

## **Rule 705. Requests for Order**

### **A. Date, Time, and Place of Hearing**

1. All requests for orders (RFO) and responsive pleadings set for hearing on the Family Law calendars must state on the face sheet the date and time of the hearing and the department or room number in which the hearing is scheduled. In addition, the form must include the issues to be determined or the response to those issues.
2. Requests for calendar priority should be made prior to the calendar call. Parties or counsel unable to appear at the calendar call must notify the opposing party at the earliest reasonable time.
3. The Court may refuse to consider declarations that exceed the maximum page limits set forth in California Rules of Court, rule 5.111 and/or filed late papers.

### **B. Duty to Meet and Confer**

Unless the ~~court~~Court orders another time period, no later than five calendar days before a hearing on a ~~request for order~~ (RFO), or motion, the parties must meet and confer, in person or by telephone, to discuss all pending issues and, to the extent not previously served and filed, exchange all documents and information relevant to such issues. The requirement to meet and confer does not apply to cases involving domestic violence.

### **C. Cases Involving Juvenile Court or Child Protective Services**

In any case where either the Juvenile Court or Child Protective Services is involved, a notice to that effect must be written immediately under the box entitled "other" in the section dealing with the type of relief being sought on the ~~Request for Order~~ RFO form. A willful failure to inform the ~~court~~Court as to the involvement of either Juvenile Court or Child Protective Services will constitute grounds for sanction.

### **D. Failure to Serve**

If service of the request for order has not been completed by the date specified by law, the matter may go off calendar at the time of the scheduled hearing unless otherwise ordered by the ~~Courteourt~~Court.

### **E. Continuance Policy**

1. The initial hearing date for a request for order hearing may be continued one time by agreement of the parties and telephonic notice to the clerk of the

assigned department. Once a new hearing date is received, the party contacting the clerk must give written notice of the new hearing date to the opposing party.

2. A party seeking an initial continuance without an agreement must file and serve a ~~Notice of Rescheduling Request/Settlement Request to Reschedule Hearing (FL-306)~~ and submit an ~~Agreement and Order to Reschedule Hearing (Form FL-308)~~ Order on Request to Reschedule Hearing (FL-309) in advance of the hearing.
3. Unless the Court affirmatively grants a request to reschedule, the parties must attend the scheduled hearing.
4. A second or subsequent continuance of the hearing date will require the attendance of the parties and a showing of good cause. In the event that the second or subsequent continuance is denied, the request for order may go off calendar if the parties do not proceed. A request for order which has been ordered off calendar may be restored to the ~~court's~~ Court's calendar by written application and, if such application is made within ninety (90) days, the initial filing date will be deemed the filing date for purposes of determining the commencement of child and/or spousal support.

#### F. Duration of Support Orders

Unless otherwise specifically ordered, temporary orders for child and/or spousal support will remain in full force and effect until further order of the ~~court~~ Court or until the order is terminated as a matter of law.

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