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**MARIA D. HERNANDEZ**  
PRESIDING JUDGE

# Superior Court of California County of Orange

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## INVITATION TO COMMENT

The Rules and Forms Committee of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, has proposed revisions to the Local Rules of Court. Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.613, the Court invites you to comment on proposed new and revised changes to local rules.

The following proposed changes to Division 7 - Family Law local rules (numbers 700 et seq.) were updated to make them consistent with current business practices:

[Revised Local Rule 700](#) – ***Subject Matter of the Family Law Court***

[Revised Local Rule 700.7](#) – ***Electronic Filing in Family Law Cases***

[Revised Local Rule 701](#) – ***Assignment of Family Law Cases***

[Revised Local Rule 701.5](#) – ***Related Cases***

[Revised Local Rule 701.6](#) – ***Privately Compensated Temporary Judge***

[Revised Local Rule 702](#) – ***Financial Issues***

[Revised Local Rule 703](#) – ***Child Custody – Mediation, Child Custody Investigations (CCI), Private Child Custody Evaluations (Evidence Code § 730)***

[Revised Local Rule 703.3](#) - ***Supervised Visitation Providers***

[Revised Local Rule 704](#) – ***Ex Parte Matters***

[Revised Local Rule 705](#) – ***Requests for Orders***

[Revised Local Rule 707](#) – ***Mandatory Settlement Conferences and Voluntary Settlement Conferences***

[Revised Local Rule 709](#) – *Dissolution by Declaration (Family Code § 2336) Contested Trials and Hearings*

[Revised Local Rule 711](#) – *Summary Dissolution*

[Revised Local Rule 712](#) – *Court Appointed Counsel for Minor Children*

[Revised Local Rule 719](#) – *Remote and In-Person Proceedings for Family Law*

[Revised Local Rule 720](#) – *Filing and Establishment of Parent-Child Relationship Pursuant to a Gestational Surrogacy*

Proposed two new local rules:

[New Local Rule 713](#) – *Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO) or other Retirement Plan Order.* Proposed new Local Rule 713 would enhance the department's alignment with current business standards, thereby increasing efficiency and effectiveness for both internal and external stakeholders.

[New Local Rule 714](#) – *Electronic Evidence for Trials and Specially Set Hearings.* Proposed new Local Rule 714 will support the use of the Electronic Evidence Portal which has proven to be an innovative tool to submit exhibits to the court.

The proposed revisions and invitation to comment are posted on the Superior Court's website at [Invitation to Comment](#).

You can submit comments via an online form or download and submit the form by regular mail.

All comments must be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2024**. Comments being submitted by U.S. mail should be directed to:

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A hard copy of any proposed rule is available upon request. For copies or additional information, please contact: Metrina Nguyen, Judicial Assistance Group, by e-mail at [rulesandforms@occourts.org](mailto:rulesandforms@occourts.org).



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