VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT FILED

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BRENDA L. McCORMICK
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA Clerk
FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: RESUMPTION OF FAMILY LAW MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES. ETC.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 22.11

The Ventura Superior Court is committed to protecting the health and safety of jurors, attorneys, staff, law enforcement, other court users, judges and the general public, while continuing to perform its constitutional and statutory duties. Due to an unprecedented surge in COVID-19 cases in Ventura County and within the court in December 2021 and January 2022, the court was required to implement a limited court closure which included, among other actions, the suspension of Family Law Status Conferences and Family Law Mandatory Settlement Conferences as of January 4, 2022 (Amended Administrative Order 21.25) and the suspension of Family Law Trial Setting Conferences and Family Law Case Management Conferences regarding submission of judgment as of January 10, 2022 (Administrative Order 22.02). As the situation began to improve at the end of January 2022, the court began a phased re-opening of court services commencing on February 1, 2022, when the Clerk's Office began to file all court documents. (2nd Amended Administrative Order 22.04 (January 28, 2022)).

To continue the resumption of court services while ensuring to protect the health of court users and personnel, pursuant to article VI, section 1 of the state Constitution; Code of Civil Procedure section 128; Government Code section 68070; California Rules of Court, rule 10.603; the inherent powers of the Court (*In re Reno* (2012) 55 Cal. App. 4th 428, 522, and federal state,

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and local public heath guidance,

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The Family Law Department is authorized to resume all suspended proceedings, including Family Law Status Conferences, Family Law Mandatory Settlement Conferences, Family Law Trial Setting Conferences and Family Law Case Management Conferences regarding submission of judgment. This order is intended to supersede and replace paragraph 6 of Amended Administrative Order 21.25 and paragraph 17 of Amended Administrative Order 22.02.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND MAY BE AMENDED OR SUPERSEDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: March <u>15</u>, 2022

Bruce A. Young Presiding Judge