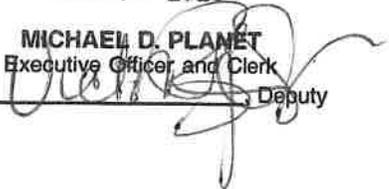


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MICHAEL D. PLANET
Executive Officer and Clerk
BY:  Deputy

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: CHILD
CUSTODY RECOMMENDING COUNSELING
FOR MATTERS MEDIATED IN THE PAST 12
MONTHS

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 20.27**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the court was closed, except for emergency matters from March 16, 2020 - June 12, 2020. On June 15, 2020, the court began a phased-in reopening. Since the re-opening, it has been necessary for the court to prioritize the proceedings that are to be placed on calendar to resolve the most urgent matters first, handle the significant number of Request for Orders that were continued during the closure and to handle new Request for Orders, while continuing to follow public health & safety measures. This has also made it necessary to prioritize the scheduling and handling of a larger volume of mediations by Family Court Services based upon the demand, limitations on staffing and complying with public health & safety measures.

THEREFORE, GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, THIS COURT ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

In the discretion of (1) the court or (2) the Manager or Supervisor of Family Court Services (subject to review by the court prior to an evidentiary hearing), Child Custody Recommended Counseling, ("CCRC") also referred to as "mediation" may not be required if

1 one of the following conditions is met:

- 2 1. The same issue has been addressed in a CCRC session within the past (12)
3 months; or
4 2. There has been a previous CCRC in the case and the dispute involves only issues
5 of logistics, procedure or if it otherwise appears that CCRC is unlikely to
6 substantially assist the parties or the court.

7 Based upon Amended Administrative Order 20.19 any local Ventura County Superior
8 Court Rule of Court that is inconsistent with this order is temporarily suspended.

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10 THIS ORDER SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AND MAY BE
11 AMENDED OR REVOKED, AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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15 DATED: July 28, 2020

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18 JoAnn Johnson
19 Supervising Family Law Judge
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