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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: VACATING
MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES
AND STATUS CONFERENCE SET OR
CONTINUED FROM MARCH 16, 2020
THROUGH AUGUST 14, 2020.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 20-17
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:
VACATING MANDATORY
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE AND
STATUS CONFERENCE IN
RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

The court has remained closed pursuant to emergency orders since March 16, 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Phased-in re-opening is scheduled to begin after June 9, 2020. It is necessary to prioritize the proceedings that are to be placed on calendar upon the re-opening to resolve the most urgent matters first and to clear up the significant number of Request for Orders that have been continued during the closure. Therefore, all Mandatory Settlement Conferences (“MSC”) and Status Conferences (“SC”) that are set or have been continued between March 16, 2020, and August 14, 2020, are hereby VACATED and may be placed on calendar after August 14, 2020 as follows:

1. MSCs: A party / attorney may request an MSC by filing the local form VN-086 “Request / Counter Request for Mandatory Settlement Conference / Trial Setting (Family Law)”. An MSC will be set on or after August 17, 2020, as the calendars allow. Please do not make the request unless Preliminary Declarations of Disclosure and any updates to the disclosures have been exchanged, known discovery completed, and attempts at settlement have occurred.

1 2. SC: SCs will not be rescheduled. Any 18-month SC will be reviewed and an
2 appropriate next action will be calendared by the court depending on the status of the case.
3 Notice will be given by the court.

4 As of the date of this order, MSCs and SCs set on or after August 17, 2020, shall proceed
5 as set. This order may be amended or extended as necessary.

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7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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9 DATED: May 22, 2020



12 JO ANN JOHNSON,
13 SUPERVISING FAMILY LAW JUDGE,
14 VENTURA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT