

COURTNEWS

AN ONLINE NEWSLETTER TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

HON. MARK R. FORCUM
PRESIDING JUDGE

HON. GEORGE A. MIRAM
ASSISTANT PRESIDING JUDGE

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FAMILY LAW

Presiding Judge for 2005-2006, Judge George A. Miram, has issued the Judicial Assignments Order for 2005 which is posted on the Court's website. In addition to these changes, Judges Forcum and Miram have ordered the following changes in calendars effective January 3, 2005, to remedy a current backlog of cases in Family Law:

1. The DVPA/OSC calendar previously heard by Judge Scott on Wednesday morning is transferred to Commissioner Greenberg to be heard Wednesday afternoons.
2. Judge Pfeiffer will hear the Thursday Criminal Domestic Violence Calendar in South San Francisco. Judge Scott will hear the Wednesday Criminal Domestic Violence Calendar in Redwood City.
3. LPS trial settings currently heard by Judge Pfeiffer on Thursday mornings at 11:00 a.m. are to be heard on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.
4. No Probate matters or Probate Ex-Partes will be heard on Thursdays.
5. A new Trial Short Cause calendar will be established for Judge Scott on Thursday mornings in Redwood City.
6. Short Cause matters previously set for Judge Scott on Wednesday afternoons will be transferred to Thursday afternoons.
7. The Family Law Clerk's Office has been directed to contact Family Law attorneys on cases set for trial or short cause in front of Judge Scott to move cases set in June, July, and August and reset them on dates in January, February, March, April on the new Thursday morning Trial or Short Cause Calendar.

Our administrative goal is to try and balance Family Law calendars with consistent setting times for all three Family Law Departments.

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DRUG COURT—REDWOOD CITY

Judge Miram has assigned Commissioner Greenberg the Drug Court calendar in Redwood City for 2005. To maintain Commissioner Greenberg's Thursday afternoon Family Law support calendar, all Redwood City Drug Court and Treatment Court cases are to be set on Fridays effective January 3, 2005.

DECEMBER'S SCHEDULE

Given the holidays, the following calendar changes have been made by Judge Forcum:

WEEK OF DECEMBER 20 – 24, 2004

A. Civil Division Calendars

- There are **NO MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES** during the week of December 20 - 24
- There are **NO LIMITED SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES** for Monday, December 20th
- There are **NO CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES** set for the week of December 20 – 24, 2004
- Judge Barbara Mallach will be the Law & Motion Judge for the week of December 20 – 24, 2004.
- There is **NO SMALL CLAIMS APPEALS** calendar set the week of December 20-24, 2004

B. Criminal Division Calendars

- Judge Joseph Bergeron will be the **CRIMINAL PRESIDING JUDGE** on December 20 – 24, 2004
- The **8:30 AM IN CUSTODY (SOUTHERN) PRE-TRIAL** calendar normally set for Fridays is rescheduled to be heard on, Thursday morning December 23rd, in Redwood City. Accordingly, there will be two calendars - one for Northern and Southern on Thursday, December 23, 2004
- The Northern Branch Drug Court & Treatment Court calendar set on Monday, December 20th will be heard by Commissioner Greenberg

Please Note: All other misdemeanor calendars will remain on the normal schedule.

C. Family Law Calendars

- The Northern **DVPA/TRO** calendar heard by Comm. McKenna every other Friday will be advanced to Wednesday, December 22, in the **SOUTHERN BRANCH**. Those matters will be added onto Judge Joseph Scott's calendar already scheduled

Please Note: All other Family Law calendars will remain as set by respective departments under rules of direct calendaring.

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DECEMBER'S SCHEDULE (CONT)

WEEK OF DECEMBER 27 – 31, 2004

A. Civil Division Calendars

- There are **NO CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES** calendars for the week of December 27 – 31, 2004
- There are **NO MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES** for the week of December 27 - 31, 2004
- Judge Marie Weiner will be Acting Law & Motion Judge, January 3, 4, & 5, 2005

B. Criminal Division Calendars

- Judge Carl Holm will be the **CRIMINAL PRESIDING JUDGE** for the week of December 27 - 31
- The **8:30 IN CUSTODY – SOUTHERN PRE-TRIAL** calendar normally set for Friday is rescheduled for Thursday morning, December 30, to be heard in Redwood City
- The Northern Branch Domestic Violence Review and Domestic Violence Pre-Trial calendars on Thursday, December 30th will be heard by Judge Stephen Hall

Please Note: All other misdemeanor calendars will remain on the normal schedule.



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CONCLUSION

We will have one more newsletter prior to the end of the year announcing some positive developments regarding e-delivery and Family Law support services.

Once again, we welcome your constructive comments and input. Thank you for all your help over the last two years and Happy Holidays, everyone.

Mark R. Forcum
Presiding Judge

George A. Miram
Assistant Presiding Judge

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