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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

TRAINING PROGRAM FOR FAMILY
LAW TEMPORARY JUDGES

STANDING ORDER

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.812, the Presiding Judge may appoint an attorney who has been admitted to the State Bar of California for at least 10 years before the appointment, under certain conditions set forth in subsection (b) of Rule 2.812 and where the attorney has completed the minimum education and training requirements set forth in subsection (c) of Rule 2.812.

Because providing excellent education and training of its temporary judges is essential to the mission of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles (the "Court"), the Court sets forth the following mandatory training and continuing education requirements and programs for temporary judges in family law in compliance with Rules 2.812, 2.813, and 2.815.

Training for New Temporary Judges in Family Law

All new temporary family law judges must complete the following training within the three (3) years before their appointment:

1. Complete the mandatory training in bench conduct and demeanor set forth in Rule 2.812(c)(1) and 2.813(a). This training must:
 - a. consist of at least three (3) hours,
 - b. be led by an instructor appearing live remotely or in person, and
 - c. be taught by a qualified judicial officer approved by the Court.
2. Complete the mandatory training in ethics set forth in Rule 2.812(c)(2) and 2.813(b).

This training must:

1 a. consist of at least three (3) hours, and

2 b. be approved by the Court.

3 3. Attend and successfully complete three (3) hours of substantive family law training
4 approved by the Court pursuant to Rule 2.812(c)(3)(C).

5 Any attorneys who do not have ten (10) years of family law experience or are not Certified
6 Family Law Specialists must apply to the Supervising Judge of the Family Law Division to obtain
7 approval to serve as a Temporary Judge in Family Law. These applicants are strongly encouraged to
8 complete additional training in family and domestic violence through CJER online courses at the
9 following link prior to commencing the assignment: <http://www2.courtinfo.ca.gov/protem/>.

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11 ***Recertification Training for Acting Temporary Judges in Family Law***

12 Pursuant to Rule 2.815(a), temporary judges assigned to family law matters are required to
13 complete certain continuing education and based thereupon be recertified every three years after their
14 initial appointment, as set forth below:

- 15 1. Complete the requisite training in (a) ethics and (b) bench conduct and demeanor of the same
16 subject matter described above pursuant to Rule 2.812(c) and Rule 2.813(a) and (b). This
17 training must consist of at least three (3) hours for each three-year recertification period.
- 18 2. Attend and successfully complete three (3) hours of substantive family law training provided
19 by the Court every calendar year within the three-year recertification period. This new
20 continuing education training will be developed by the Court; it will be provided at no charge
21 to temporary judge attendees and will qualify for MCLE credit. This training is different
22 from the training undertaken by temporary judges before their appointment, and it is intended
23 to provide acting temporary judges rigorous and substantive training on current issues
24 affecting family law practice and recent developments in the law in order to ensure their
25 effective adjudication of disputes in family law.
- 26 3. It is strongly encouraged but not required that temporary judges in family law attend the
27 Court's quarterly brown bag lunch meetings for updates in family law.

- 1 4. In addition to completing the required continuing education, temporary judges must serve in
2 at least four (4) court sessions (a session being defined as a half-day period) in family law
3 assignments every calendar year of the three-year recertification period in order to be
4 recertified as temporary judges in family law every three-year period.

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6 GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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8 Effective immediately, this General Order is to remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the
9 Supervising Judge of Family Law.

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12 DATED: March 9, 2023


HON. SHELLEY KAUFMAN
Supervising Judge of Family Law