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

IN RE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT –
COURT REPORTER AVAILABILITY

GENERAL ORDER

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 10, 2023

Pursuant to the authority set forth in Rule 10.603 of the California Rules of Court, the authority set forth in Code of Civil Procedure §128(a), the Court's inherent power to regulate court operations efficiently (*Walker v. Superior Court* (1991) 53 Cal.3d 256, 266), effective January 10, 2023, the Los Angeles Superior Court Policy Regarding Normal Availability of Official Court Reporters adopted pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 2.956(b) is modified as set forth below, and shall control over any provisions of the existing Court Reporter Policy regarding the availability of court reporters.

Court Reporter Availability Policy

Official court reporters are normally available for reporting all proceedings in felony criminal and juvenile cases.

Official court reporters are not normally available for reporting in unlimited civil cases.

Official court reporters are not normally available in family law and probate cases. To the extent available, the Court may provide official court reporters in dedicated restraining order courts and domestic violence hearings, one day a week in all other family law courts, and in probate courts, as determined by judicial officers.

Official court reporters are not normally available to report matters in limited civil, misdemeanor, or infraction cases. These proceedings are electronically recorded by the Court to create the official verbatim record of proceedings as provided in Government Code section 69957, and California Rules of Court, rules 2.952 and 2.956(c).

1 The Court does not provide official court reporters for hearings in its Appellate Division.
2 Electronic recording is not authorized to create an official record of those proceedings.

3 A party desiring a court reporter's services for a proceeding for which the Court does not make
4 a court reporter available may arrange for the appointment of a court-approved official court reporter
5 from a list maintained by the Court, or may, by stipulation, arrange for the appointment of a privately
6 retained certified shorthand reporter, in accordance with the procedures posted on the Court's [website](#).
7 If an arrangement for a court reporter is made under this subdivision, it is the responsibility of the
8 arranging party or parties to pay the reporter's fee for attendance at the proceedings.


9 A party who has received a fee waiver may request an official court reporter pursuant to
10 California Rules of Court, rule 2.956(c)(2). The request should be made by filing a Request for Court
11 Reporter by a Party with a Fee Waiver (form [FW-020](#)). If the requesting party has not been granted a
12 fee waiver, a completed Request to Waive Court Fees (form [FW-001](#) or form [FW-001-GC](#) in
13 guardianship or conservator cases) must be filed at the same time as the request for court reporter. The
14 party should file the request 10 calendar days before the proceeding for which a court reporter is
15 desired, or as soon as practicable. The clerk will notify the requestor as soon as possible if an official
16 court reporter will not be available on the date of the hearing as scheduled. Given the limited
17 availability of official court reporters and the need to provide them in disciplines where a court
18 reporter is mandated by statute, notice of the availability of a court reporter may not be given until the
19 day of the trial or hearing and may result in a continuance of the matter if there is no court reporter
20 available.

21 This General Order will be effective as of January 10, 2023, and is to remain in effect until
22 otherwise ordered by the Presiding Judge.

23 GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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26 DATED: January 10, 2023



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28 SAMANTHA P. JESSNER
Presiding Judge