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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA<br/>COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FAMILY LAW POLICY</b></p> | <p>Effective Date: May 18, 2017</p> <p>Expiration Date: Until Rescinded</p> |
| <p>Policy: <b>Status Conference Proceedings – Family Law</b></p> <p>Policy #: FL-001</p> <p>Revised:</p> <p>Replaces:</p>                                       | <p>Approved by: <u>Raymond J. Haight III</u></p>                            |

**Purpose:**

To manage Family Law cases in order to focus on early resolution of cases through settlement, expedite the processing of cases, and to reduce the costs of litigation.

**Policy and Procedures:**

A status conference will be set after the parties or their attorneys file an At-Issue Memorandum, however, the Court, in its discretion, may hold a status conference at the first calendared hearing after a Response to the Petition is filed. At the status conference, the Court may review the progress of the case, identify unresolved issues, develop discovery plans and discuss the possibility of settlement.

At the status conference, the parties, or their attorneys if they are represented, should be prepared to discuss the following matters:

1. Attendance of both parties at Family Court Services Mediation and Orientation
2. Completion and service by both parties of a complete Preliminary Declaration of Disclosure
3. Filing with the Court of a Declaration Regarding Service of Declaration of Disclosure and Income and Expense Declaration
4. Readiness, and appropriateness, of the parties' participation in Alternative Dispute Resolution
5. Implementation of an informal discovery plan, including but not limited to: provide to the opposing side, with the name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable information that supports the party's disclosure and a copy of, or a description by category and location of, all documents, data compilations, and tangible things that are in the possession, custody or control of the party and that supports the party's disclosures
6. Appropriateness of implementation of case management pursuant to Family Code section 2451 and California Rules of Court 5.83
7. Willingness to stipulate to the appointment of court experts, and to allocate the expense for the appointment, or to schedule a hearing for the appointment of court experts and the allocation of the expenses for the experts

At any status conference the court may:

- Set dates for further status conference
- Set dates for other court ordered events that are to take place before the next status conference
- Set the date for trial and/or settlement conference
- Take such other action, as permitted by law, which could tend to promote the just and efficient disposition of the case

Appearance at any status conference by counsel and any self-represented party, either in person or by telephone is mandatory. Failure to appear may result in the setting of an Order to Show Cause as to why sanctions should not be imposed. No appearance is required if excused by the Court, if a judgment has been filed, or if the case has been dismissed.