

1 **SUPERIOR COURT**  
2 **COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**  
247 West Third Street, Eleventh Floor  
San Bernardino, CA 92415

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8 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
9 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**  
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11 IN RE: )  
12 ) GENERAL ORDER #GO22-31  
13 COURT REPORTER AVAILABILITY )  
14 POLICY FOR CIVIL AND PROBATE ) AMENDED GENERAL ORDER  
15 CASES ) OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE  
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18 Official court reporters are required for reporting all proceedings in felony criminal  
19 and juvenile cases. Court reporters are not statutorily required to be provided by the  
20 courts in civil, family law, probate, misdemeanor criminal, and traffic cases. With the  
21 exception of limited civil, misdemeanor and infraction cases, Government Code section  
22 69957 prohibits the courts from providing electronic recording in civil, family law and  
23 probate courtrooms.

24 The Superior Court of San Bernardino County has been suffering from a severe  
25 lack of court reporters. Available court reporters are unable to routinely cover non-  
mandated case types, including civil cases. Official court reporters are not normally

1 available for reporting trials in unlimited cases. Official court reporters are also not  
2 normally available for reporting law and motion matters in unlimited jurisdiction cases,  
3 except as specifically listed on the court's website.

4 Consequently, parties to a civil or probate matter who want to memorialize a  
5 hearing or trial may arrange, at their own expense, for the presence of a court reporter  
6 given the likelihood under the present circumstances that the court will NOT be able to  
7 provide an official court reporter. (Gov. Code § 68086, subd. (d)(2) and Cal. Rules of  
8 Court, rule 2.956(c).) For trial, a party must comply with Cal. Rules of Court, rule  
9 2.956(b)(3).

10 To the extent an official court reporter is available to be assigned to a civil or  
11 probate matter, priority will be given in the following order, and the parties will be notified:

12 a) Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Conservatorship

13 The Court finds good cause to allow the parties and counsel in civil or probate  
14 cases desiring a court reporter's services for which the court does not make a court  
15 reporter available to arrange for the appointment of a privately retained certified shorthand  
16 reporter, who will be designated as the Official Court Reporter for the purposes of their  
17 trial. If an arrangement for a court reporter is made under this General Order, it is the  
18 responsibility of the arranging party or parties to pay the reporter's fees for attendance at  
19 the proceedings. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.956(c).)

20 This order is effective February 27, 2023. It shall remain in effect until December  
21 31, 2023, or otherwise revoked.

22 Dated this 15th day of February 2023.

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25 R. Glenn Yabuno  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court