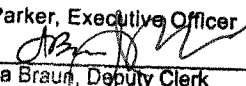


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Darrel E. Parker, Executive Officer  
BY   
Angela Braun, Deputy Clerk

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE  
PRESIDING JUDGE IN RE: REDUCTION OF  
COURT REPORTER SERVICES

Administrative order no. 2024-0322

During the past 5 years, the number of court reporters employed by the Santa Barbara Superior Court has declined due to retirements as well as departures to the private sector. Despite persistent recruiting efforts, the court has been unable to hire court reporters to replace those that have left. Historically, the court reporting unit comprised of 15.5 reporters and 1 supervising court reporter, but now has only 12.5 reporters available on most days. The average daily need for courtrooms is 14 reporters. The crisis has now reached the point that the court is struggling to provide court reporters for mandated courtrooms. Due to the immediacy and severity of the crisis,

THE COURT THEREFORE FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Effective March 25, 2024, the court will no longer provide a court reporter for the following proceedings:

Civil – Evidentiary Hearings, Court Trials, and Jury Trials

Family Law – Evidentiary Hearings and Court Trials, except for Family Support matters heard by the Family Law Commissioner

Probate – Evidentiary Hearings and Court Trials

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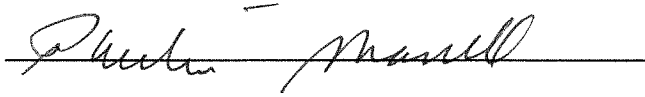
2. Any party may arrange at their own expense for the presence of a reporter to serve as an official pro tempore reporter at any proceeding identified in paragraph 1.

3. A party that has been granted a fee waiver may make a request for a court reporter at any proceeding identified in paragraph 1. To the extent they are available, the court will provide a reporter if the court is not otherwise electronically recording the proceeding.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE MARCH 25, 2024. IT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL OTHERWISE AMENDED, RESCINDED OR SUPERSEDED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: 3/22/24



HON. PAULINE MAXWELL  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court