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Juvenile Court Administrative Order No. 11/003-900

Assignment of Cases and Peremptory Challenges

This court assigns delinquency, dependency, and truancy cases on a direct calendar system. Under this system, a case assigned to a particular judge or commissioner will remain with that judicial officer until the termination of jurisdiction, unless otherwise ordered. Under the direct calendar system, a peremptory challenge to any judge or commissioner must be made prior to any determination of contested issues of fact relating to the merits, and within 15 days after notice of the assignment of the case to a specific judge or commissioner, or it will be deemed untimely. Notice of the assignment is complete upon service or initial appearance in court. Each party will be allowed only one peremptory challenge per case. If a case is reassigned to Delinquency Drug Court, Teen Girls/Boys Court, or Dependency Drug Court, a peremptory challenge to any judge or commissioner must be made prior to any determination of contested issues in the Delinquency Drug Court, Teen Girls/Boys Court, or Dependency Drug Court or it will be deemed untimely. Notice of the reassignment is complete upon service or initial appearance in court. Each party will be allowed only one peremptory challenge after reassignment. (This Order is made pursuant to Daniel V. v. Superior Court (2006) 139 Cal. App. 4th 28.)

This Juvenile Court Administrative Order is to remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2011:

DOUGLAS J. HATCHIMONJI
PRESIDING JUDGE of JUVENILE COURT