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Court Makes Improvements in Calendaring Family Law Cases

Orange, Ca. - A new case calendaring system begins today at the Lamoreaux Justice Center, Orange County's Family Law Court, that is expected to reduce the time it takes for family law matters to get to hearing or to resolve a case, announced Presiding Judge C. Robert Jameson.

The new Direct Calendaring system is designed so that when a case is filed it will be assigned to one judge and that case remains with that judge for all hearings. Previously, people would appear before a different judge each time their case was heard. "With Direct Calendaring, both judges and litigants will be able to become more familiar with each case proceeding which will cut confusion and result in more efficient use of time and resources," said Richard O. Frazee, Supervising Judge of the Family Court.

"It is rare for family law matters to be settled with a single court hearing. A dissolution of marriage may be settled relatively soon after the case is filed. However, the parties often return to court at a later time to settle other matters such as visitation rights or child support. Now these families will have the opportunity to have their case heard by the same judge that presided over their original case," added Judge Frazee.

In addition, the court has added an assistant court clerk to each judge's staff to help keep track of the 25,000 family law cases filed with the court each year. Ten judges and four commissioners currently hear family law cases. As each new case is filed, it will be assigned to a judge or commissioner by a random draw of available judicial officers.

Family law cases include divorce, custody, domestic violence and paternity. For more information about the new family law calendaring system, please contact Judge Frazee at (714) 935-7274 or Executive Director of the Lamoreaux Justice Center Jan Shaw at (714) 935-6459.

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