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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE: RESUMING FAMILY LAW MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES AND SUSPENDING STATUS CONFERENCES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 24, 2020 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20-30

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE:
RESUMPTION OF MANDATORY
SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES;
CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF
STATUS CONFERENCES IN
RESPONSE TO COVID-19
(FAMILY LAW)

The court was closed pursuant to emergency orders as of March 16, 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, with phased-in re-opening commencing June 9, 2020. Pursuant to Administrative Order No. 20-17, filed May 22, 2020, all Mandatory Settlement Conferences ("MSC") and Status Conferences ("SC") that were set or continued between March 16, 2020, and August 14, 2020, were VACATED.

Mandatory Settlement Conferences have resumed: As of August 17, 2020, Family Law MSCs have resumed. Any vacated MSCs will not be reset by the court but must be requested. A party / attorney may request an MSC by filing the local form VN-086 "Request / Counter Request for Mandatory Settlement Conference/Trial Setting (Family Law)". Please do not make the request, unless Preliminary Declarations of Disclosure and any updates to the disclosures have been exchanged, known discovery completed, and attempts at settlement have occurred.

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Status conferences remain suspended through December 31, 2020. Any person without an attorney, who requires assistance to complete their case, may contact the Family Law Self Help Center at: FLF.IS.Workshop@ventura.courts.ca.gov or by making an appointment at: http://calendly.com/vcscreservations.

This order may be amended or extended as necessary.

7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 24, 2020

JO ANN JOHNSON, SUPERVISING FAMILY LAW JUDGE, VENTURA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT