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This memorandum is submitted on behalf of the California Judges Association (CJA) in response to the Research and Report Subcommittee's October 23, 2022 Updated Chart Reflecting Committee Discussions to Date Regarding Recommendations of the California State Auditor to the California Legislature and the Commission on Judicial Performance

Thank you for considering the positions stated in this memorandum along with the attachments.

A. The CJP Has No Authority to Overturn the California Supreme Court

For nearly 50 years, the Commission on Judicial Performance (CJP) has adhered to a clear and convincing standard of proof for finding judicial misconduct that is violative of the Judicial Canon of Ethics. In Footnote 7 of CJA's Memorandum submitted for this body's September 14 and 15, 2022 meetings, CJA asserted that the burden of proof should not be changed.

The standard of proof was promulgated by the California Supreme Court in *Geiler v. Commission on Judicial Qualifications* (1973) 10 Ca1.3d 270, 275 when it stated:

In reviewing the Commission's recommendation, we must address ourselves to the issue of the quantum of proof applicable to an inquiry concerning a judge. We believe the burden of proof imposed upon the examiners in such an inquiry should be analogous to that employed in State Bar disciplinary proceedings, wherein we require that charges of misconduct "be sustained by convincing proof and to a reasonable certainty and any reasonable doubts should be resolved in favor of the accused." (Moore v. State Bar (1964) 62 Ca1.2d 74, 79 [41 Cal.Rptr. 161, 396 P.2d 577].) (3) **We accordingly declare the standard of proof in such an inquiry before the Commission to be proof by clear and convincing evidence sufficient to sustain a charge to a reasonable certainty.** (Cf. Medoff v. State Bar (1969) 71 Ca1.2d 535, 550 (78 Cal.Rptr. 696, 455 P.2d 800].), *emphasis added*.

One might argue that the electorate's adoption of Proposition 190 in 1995 gave the CJP the authority to adopt its own rules and that the standard of proof is subsequently open for change by the commission. This argument, however, would be baseless. In *Oberholzer v. Commission on Judicial Performance* (1999) 20 Cal.4th 371, 388, the California Supreme Court made it plain that the rulemaking authority transferred from the Judicial Council to the commission:

The electorate's passage of Proposition 190 in November 1994 directed the transfer of authority for rulemaking from the Judicial Council to the Commission. After Proposition 190 took effect in March 1995, the Commission invited public comment regarding proposed revisions to the rules, ultimately replacing California Rules of Court, rules 904.1 and 904.2(c), with virtually identical provisions, redesignated as Rules of the Commission on Judicial Performance, rules 110 and 111(c), effective December 1, 1996.

Just as the California Judicial Council would have no legal authority or jurisdiction to overrule the state's highest court, the CJP cannot overrule the California Supreme Court's establishment of the standard of proof.

Moreover, the California Supreme Court has continued to adhere to the clear and convincing standard of proof since the CJP was given its own rulemaking authority. An example can be found in *Broadman v. Commission on Judicial Performance* (1998) 18 Cal.4th 1079, 1090:

In judicial discipline proceedings, this court reviews the record and determines whether there is "clear and convincing evidence" to sustain the charges to a reasonable certainty. (See, e.g., *Dodds v. Commission on Judicial Performance*, supra, 12 Cal.4th at p. 168; *Ryan v. Commission on Judicial Performance*, supra, 45 Cal.3d at p. 530.) In *In re Angelia P.* (1981) 28 Cal.3d 908, 919 [171 Cal.Rptr. 637, 623 P.2d 198], we described "clear and convincing" evidence as "'so clear as to leave no substantial doubt"; "sufficiently strong to command the unhesitating assent of every reasonable mind." "... Although we will carefully consider any diverse views expressed by the Commission, the ultimate decision we will have to make is whether there is clear and convincing evidence to sustain the charges.

The current standard of proof — established by the California Supreme Court — has been followed as *stare decisis* since 1973, for nearly 50 years. It would be highly improper for the CJP to enact a rule to modify the standard since such action is beyond its jurisdiction and authority. In addition, asking the Legislature to seek a modification of the high court's declaration of the burden of proof would be a gross violation of the separation of powers. As such, this committee should not seek to modify the current standard of proof for finding judicial misconduct.

Finally, the Subcommittee suggests that where a weaker constellation of evidence is all that is available — meaning misconduct cannot be proved by the long-standing clear and convincing standard — some lower level of discipline may be imposed. Specifically, the Subcommittee submits that evidence rising only to a preponderance of the evidence could be used for non-public proceedings. Preponderance of the evidence has been described as evidence that slightly outweighs countervailing facts. Disciplining a judicial officer on weaker evidence contravenes fifty years of the commission's own precedent and would open the CJP to numerous challenges and appeals.

First, in this United States, all those accused of any crime are held to the same standard of proof whether the charge be an infraction of speeding, a misdemeanor of theft, or a felony of homicide.

Each person accused is held to the same standard of proof and all receive equal constitutional protections. Second, the Subcommittee has not articulated any sound reason for adopting a lower standard of proof to allow weaker evidence to result in discipline. Is the only reason an agenda to increase discipline to appease public criticism from litigants who cannot show a nexus between their complaints about the judiciary with any CJP investigation or failing of the commission? Just as judges must act free of public influence to maintain the public's trust and confidence in the court system and to ensure judicial independence, the CJP should not fall sway to popular opinion. Further, in this instance, popular opinion actually supports the view that judges are fair, hard-working, and helpful — as is demonstrated by some of the attachments to this memorandum. The vocal public members who attend this committee's hearings are litigants who are unhappy with the legal rulings they received. They cannot demonstrate that these rulings were from bench officers who should have been investigated or disciplined by the commission.

If the CJP adopts a lower standard of proof to impose discipline on weaker evidence, the judiciary would surely lose confidence in the disciplinary process. The importance of the judiciary's trust in the system was discussed in CJA's initial memorandum (Argument C, page 9). Further, judges who receive non-public discipline based upon reduced evidence will certainly appeal to the Supreme Court to test the legitimacy of the commission's seismic decision to discard precedent set by the Supreme Court itself. The increase in appeals would result in a rise in workload and expenses for the CJP. The Subcommittee's thought to apply the weaker evidence to non-public proceedings does not dampen CJA's concerns since this is the majority of discipline imposed by the commission and all discipline stings all the time, regardless of its public or private nature.

B. The CJP Should Not Change the Statute of Limitations

As recognized by the Subcommittee, statutes of limitations serve an important public interest—that of fairness. Such time limits protect everyone from injustices that flow from foggy memories, missing documents and witnesses who cannot be located. The commission should not seek a modification of the statute of limitations which spans 6 to 12 years depending upon where judges are in their term. The Subcommittee's concern appears to be with the tolling of a statute of limitations. CJA understands the concern and suggests that tolling might begin once a judge has been provided notice that an investigation has been commenced. This position is more inclusive than that suggested by the Subcommittee which has suggested tolling would occur with notice of a formal proceeding. CJA has additional views regarding modifications to the statute of limitations, but understands that the Subcommittee's current concern is purely focused upon the issue of tolling. A change in the statute of limitations would require a constitutional amendment. The issue of tolling, however may not require such an amendment.

C. Additional Matters for the Committee's Consideration

CJA agrees that the CJP should invest in more statistical collection and evaluation. The information from the Summary of Discipline Statistics 1990 to 2009 was most instructive. It continues to inform those who provide education in the area of judicial ethics. At present, however, the information is 13 years old and the demographics of California judiciary have changed tremendously

with significant increases in diversity from many underrepresented communities.' Given concerns about systemic bias in governmental entities, it is important to collect demographic data. Without such statistical information, there is no ability to assess for systemic biases.

CJA supports the institution of an ombudsperson at the CJP who can augment the commission's current outreach efforts and who can provide information to complainants, litigants, attorneys, bench officers, and others who may need explanation about its processes and procedures. The Subcommittee has considered recommending a constitutional amendment to enact additional disciplinary tools as well as other procedures to educate bench officers' about conduct that may cause the commission concern but which does not rise to the level of misconduct. The Office of the Ombudsperson — perhaps akin to the Office of the Legal Advisor which is separated from the CJP staff and post formal proceeding disciplinary tasks — could publish periodic newsletters educating the judiciary about trends or concerns stemming from complaints that might be dismissed. This could fulfill the CJP's role of public protection without the need for a constitutional amendment and it would provide a service to the judiciary and those using our courts. One would expect that such periodicals from the Office of the Ombudsperson would also be informative for the entities that provide ethics education for bench officers.

At its September 14 and 15 meetings, Committee Chair Beth Krom asked if "judges should know better" and if bench officers should receive training. Judge Erica Yew and Ms. Heather Rosing, on behalf of CJA, responded that California's judicial education is renowned throughout the country and extremely well done. They suggested that more information could be provided by the California Judicial Council's Center for Judicial Education and Research (CJER). To address Chairperson Krom's question, CJA's Attachment #1 sets forth the 425 classes that CJER offered in FY 2022/2023 and FY 2023/2024. In addition to CJER programs, California judges can avail themselves of programs offered by CJA, the National Judicial College (NJC), The National Center for State Courts (NCSC), The Center for Judicial Ethics, and other providers.

Also at its September 14 and 15 meetings, a committee member expressed the belief that judges must be making rulings that put children at risk or that harms litigants since a number of public members had vocalized their discontent with the rulings in their matters. Judge Yew said she could fill the Judicial Council's Malcom M. Lucas Boardroom with satisfied court users. A small sampling of letters from court users can be found as Attachment #2. More letters can be provided in the future.

Finally, the Center for Judicial Excellence has spoken a number of times about a tragic case in which a child (known as "Picqui") was killed by his father. No nexus has been shown between the bench officer's decision to allow the father to have visitation with his child and any failing of the CJP or its processes. Indeed none can be shown as the visitation was stipulated to by the mother. Attachment #3 is the stipulation signed by both parents and filed with the Los Angeles Superior Court in *The Matter of the Dissolution of Marriage of Aramzd Andressian vs. Ana Estevez Andressian*. It appears that the terms of the visitation were agreed to by the parties and not the product of any judicial misconduct.

¹ The state's first Judicial Diversity Summit took place in 2006 in San Jose, California, and was organized jointly by the California Judicial Council and the California State Bar Association. After that summit, legislation was passed requiring the collection of demographic data for bench officers and much work has been done to diversify the judiciary and legal profession. Judicial demographic information can be found at [Demographics of California State Justices and Judges](#)

D. Conclusion

The CJA is most appreciative of the Subcommittee's and the Committee's important work on the issues raised by the Auditor's report as well as other issues currently being considered by this body. CJA is available to provide feedback, gather constituent input, and answer questions. Thank you for reading this submission.

E. Attachments

1. List of all CJER classes offered FY 2022/2023 and FY 2023/2024

2. Letters from Satisfied Court Users

- a. Dave Shuster**
- b. Alyssa Lopez**
- c. Rosemary Smith (unsigned)**
- d. Card from a court litigant**
- e. Letter from a juror (juror's name has been redacted)**

3. Minute Order and Stipulation and Order Regarding Custody, Visitation, Attorney Fees and Costs, and Other Issues re *In the Matter of the Dissolution of Marriage of Aramazd Andressian vs. Ana Estevez Andressian.*

ATTACHMENT #1

Education Plan
FY 2022/2023 and 2023/2024

Plan If Selected	Content	Plan Year 1 2022-2023	Plan Year 2 2023 - 2024	Delivery Method	Course Length	Curriculum Committee	Target Audience
	Programs and Courses						
	EDUCATION AND JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENT EDUCATION						
1	B.E. Witkin Judicial College of California			In Person	10 days	CJER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
2	B.E. Witkin Judicial College of California			In Person	10 days	DER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
3	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	CJER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
4	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	CJER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
5	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	CJER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
6	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	DER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
7	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	CJER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
8	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	CJER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
9	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	GER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
10	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	GER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
11	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	CJER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
12	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	DER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
13	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	CJER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
14	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	DER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
15	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	DER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
16	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	DER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
17	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	CJER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
18	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	DER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
19	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	DER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
20	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	DER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
21	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	GER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
22	New Judge Orientation			In Person	5 days	GER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
23	Appellate Justice Orientation	Offered If Needed		In Person	1 day	Appellate	Justices
24	Appellate Justice Orientation		Offered if Needed	In Person	1 day	Appellate	Justices
25	Civil Law Basic Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Civil	Judges and SJOs
26	Civil Law Basic Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Civil	Judges and SJOs
27	Orientation for Experienced Civil Law Judges (PAO)			In Person	3 days	Civil	Judges and Sias
28	Orientation for Experienced Civil Law Judges (PAO)			In Person	3 days	Civil	Judges and SJOs
29	Limited Jurisdiction, Small Claims & Unlawful Detainer Orientation (PAO)			In Person	3 days	Civil	Judges and SJOs
30	Limited Jurisdiction, Small Claims & Unlawful Detainer Orientation (PAO)			In Person	3 days	Civil	Judges and SJOs
31	CECIA Overview		Every Other Year	In Person	2 days	Civil	Justices, Judges, Attorneys
32	Criminal Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
33	Criminal Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
34	Criminal Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
35	Criminal Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
36	Criminal Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
37	Criminal Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
38	Traffic Orientation (PAO)			In Person	2 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
39	Traffic Orientation (PAO)			In Person	2 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
40	Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing			In Person	2.5 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
41	Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing			In Person	2.5 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
42	Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing			In Person	2.5 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
43	Fundamentals of Felony Sentencing			In Person	2.5 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
44	Advanced Topics In Felony Sentencing			In Person	2 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
45	Advanced Topics in Felony Sentencing			In Person	2 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs

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46	Homicide Trials			In Person	2 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
47	Homicide Trials			In Person	2 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
48	Death Penalty Trials			In Person	2 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
49	Death Penalty Trials			In Person	2 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
50	Death Penalty Habeas Corpus Petitions after Prop 66			In Person	2 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
51	Death Penalty Habeas Corpus Petitions after Prop 66			In Person	2 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
52	Family Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Family	Judges and SJOs
53	Family Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Family	Judges and SJOs
54	Family Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Family	Judges and SJOs
55	Family Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Family	Judges and SJOs
56	AB1058 Commissioners Orientation (PAO)			In Person	.75 day	Family	Judges and SJOs
57	AB1058 Commissioners Orientation (PAO)			In Person	.75 day	Family	Judges and SJOs
58	Dependency Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Juvenile	Judges and SJOs
59	Dependency Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Juvenile	Judges and SJOs
60	Dependency Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Juvenile	Judges and SJOs
61	Dependency Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Juvenile	Judges and SJOs
62	Juvenile Justice Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Juvenile	Judges and SJOs
63	Juvenile Justice Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Juvenile	Judges and SJOs
64	Juvenile Justice Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Juvenile	Judges and SJOs
65	Juvenile Justice Law Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Juvenile	Judges and SJOs
66	Probate Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Probate	Judges, SJOs; Probate Attorneys, Probate Examiners
67	Probate Orientation (PAO)			In Person	4.5 days	Probate	Judges, SJOs; Probate Attorneys, Probate Examiners
CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION - EDUCATION FOR EXPERIENCED JUDGES							
68	Complex Civil Litigation Workshop			In Person	1 day	Civil	Complex Civil Judges
69	Complex Civil Litigation Workshop			In Person	1 day	Civil	Complex Civil Judges
70	Evidence in Civil & Criminal Cases			In Person	3 days	Civil	Judges and SJOs
71	Evidence in Civil & Criminal Cases			In Person	3 days	Civil	Judges and SJOs
72	Evidence in Civil & Criminal Cases			In Person	3 days	Civil	Judges and SJOs
73	Evidence in Civil & Criminal Cases			In Person	3 days	Civil	Judges and SJOs
CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION COURSES - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURSES AND PROGRAMS							
74	Domestic Violence Institute: Orientation to Judicial Skills (VAWEP)			In Person	4 days	VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
75	Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases (VAWEP)			In Person	1.5 days	VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
76	Ethics and Self-Represented Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases (VAWEP)			In Person	1.5 days	VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
77	VAWEP Nuts and Bolts before Ethics and SRL course			In Person	.5 days	VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
78	VAWEP Nuts and Bolts before Ethics and SRL course			In Person	.5 days	VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
79	VAWEP Immigration Issues In Domestic Violence Cases			In Person	2 days	VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
80	VAWEP Immigration Issues in Domestic Violence Cases			In Person	2 days	VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
81	VAWEP Handling Sexual Assault Cases			In Person	2 days	VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
82	VAWEP - Handling Sexual Assault Cases			In Person	2 days	VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
83	VAWEP Human Trafficking Cases			In Person	2 days	VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
84	VAWEP Human Trafficking Cases			In Person	2 days	VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
85	VAWEP Handling Cases Involving Abuse In Later Life 10			In Person	2 days	VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
86	VAWEP Cow County Preconference Domestic Violence Course 10			In Person	.5 days	VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
87	VAWEP Human Trafficking			In Person		VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
88	VAWEP TBD			In Person		VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
89	VAWEP 180			In Person		VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
90	VAWEP TOD			In Person		VAWEP	Judges and SJOs

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91	VAWEP TBO			In Person		VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
92	VAWEP TBD			In Person		VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
93	VAWEP TBD			In Person		VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
94	VAWEP TBO			In Person		VAWEP	Judges and SJOs
CONTINUING JUDICIAL EDUCATION COURSES - STATEWIDE INSTITUTES							
95	Cow County Judges Institute			In Person	2 days	CJER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
96	Cow County Judges Institute			In Person	2 days	CJER Advisory Committee	Judges and SJOs
97	Appellate Justices Institute	Every 18 Months		In Person	2 days	Appellate	Justices
98	Civil Law Institute - A			Remote	1 days	Civil	Judges and SJOs
99	Civil Law Institute - B			Remote	1 days	Civil	Judges and SJOs
100	Civil Law Institute - C			Remote	1 days	Civil	Judges and SJOs
101	Civil Law Institute - D			Remote	1 days	Civil	Judges and SJOs
102	Criminal Law Institute - A			Remote	1 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
103	Criminal Law Institute - B			Remote	1 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
104	Criminal Law Institute - C			Remote	1 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
105	Criminal Law Institute - D			Remote	1 days	Criminal	Judges and SJOs
106	Family Law Institute - A			Remote	1 days	Family	Judges and SJOs
107	Family Law Institute - B			Remote	2 days	Family	Judges and SJOs
108	Juvenile Law Institute - A			Remote	3 days	Juvenile	Judges, SJOs; Probate Attorneys, Probate Examiners
109	Juvenile Law Institute - B			Remote	1 days	Juvenile	Judges and SJOs
110	Probate and Mental Health Institute - A			Remote	1 days	Probate	Judges, SJOs; Probate Attorneys, Probate Examiners
111	Probate and Mental Health Institute - B			Remote	2 days	Probate	Judges, SJOs; Probate Attorneys, Probate Examiners
LEADERSHIP TRAINING - JUDICIAL							
112	PJ/CEO Management Institute			In Person	2 days	JBLD	PJ/CEO
113	PJ/CEO Management Institute			In Person	2 days	JBLD	PJ/CEO
114	Supervising Judges Institute			In Person	2 days	JBLD	Judges and SJOs
115	Supervising Judges Institute			In Person	2 days	MID	Judges and SJOs
MANAGER/SUPERVISOR COURSES							
116	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			In Person	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
117	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			In Person	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
118	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			In Person	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
119	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			In Person	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
120	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			In Person	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
121	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			In Person	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
122	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			Remote	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
123	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			Remote	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
124	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			In Person	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
125	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			In Person	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
126	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			In Person	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
127	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			In Person	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
128	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			In Person	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
129	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			In Person	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
130	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			Remote	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
131	Institute for Court Management (ICM)			Remote	2.5 days		Manager/ Supervisors CEOs
132	Core 40			In Person	4 days	AID	Manager/ Supervisors
133	Core 40			In Person	4 days	JBLD	Manager/ Supervisors
134	Core 40			Remote	4 days	JBLD	Manager/ Supervisors

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135	Core 40			In Person	4 days	JBLD	Manager/ Supervisors
136	Core 40			In Person	4 days	JBLD	Manager/ Supervisors
137	Core 40			Remote	4 days	JBLD	Manager/ Supervisors
138	Advanced Core 40			In Person	3 days	Jew	Manager/ Supervisors
139	Advanced Core 40			Remote	3 days	JBLD	Manager/ Supervisors
140	Advanced Core 40			In Person	3 days	JBLD	Manager/ Supervisors
141	Advanced Core 40			Remote	3 days	JBLD	Manager/ Supervisors
142	Core 24			In Person	3 days	JBLD	Manager/ Administrator
143	Core 24			In Person	3 days	JBLD	Manager/ Administrator
COURT PERSONNEL INSTITUTES AND COURSES							
144	Appellate Judicial Attorney Institute			In Person	2 days	Appellate	Judicial Attorneys
145	Appellate Judicial Attorney Institute			In Person	2 days	Appellate	Judicial Attorneys
146	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			In Person	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
147	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			In Person	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
148	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			In Person	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
149	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			In Person	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
150	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			In Person	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
151	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			In Person	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
152	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			Remote	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
153	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			Remote	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
154	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			In Person	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
155	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			In Person	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
156	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			In Person	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
157	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			In Person	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
158	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			In Person	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
159	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			In Person	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
160	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			Remote	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
161	CCTI/Court Clerk Training Institute			Remote	4 days	ATCO	Trial and Appellate Court Staff
162	Core Leadership and Training Skills			In Person	3 days	ATCO	Leads and Seniors
163	Core Leadership and Training Skills			Remote	3 days	ATCO	Leads and Seniors
164	Core Leadership and Training Skills			In Person	3 days	ATCO	Leads and Seniors
165	Core Leadership and Training Skills			Remote	3 days	ATCO	Leads and Seniors
166	Trial Court Judicial Attorneys Institute Regional Courses (multiple offerings)		Every Other Year	In Person	2 days	CJER Advisory Committee	Trial Court Attorneys
167	Qualifying Ethics 8 Core Course			In Person	Multiple offerings	JBAEF	Justices, Judges, and SJOs
168	Qualifying Ethics 8 Core Course			In Person	Multiple offerings	JBAEF	Justices, Judges, and SJOs
169	Unconscious Bias			In Person	2 Offerings	JBAEF	Justices, Judges, Attorneys
170	Unconscious Bias			In Person	2 Offerings	JBAEF	Justices, Judges, Attorneys
MANAGER/SUPERVISOR (capacity is 2 per year)							
171	Leadership Topic A			In Person		JBLD	Manager/Supervisor
172	Leadership Topic B			In Person			
173	Leadership Topic C "Appellate Only"			In Person			
174	Leadership Topic A			In Person		JBLD	Manager/Supervisor
175	Leadership Topic B			In Person			
176	Leadership Topic A			In Person		JBLD	Manager/Supervisor
177	Leadership Topic B			In Person			

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178	Leadership Topic C "Appellate Only"			In Person			
179	Leadership Topic A			In Person			
180	Leadership Topic B			In Person		1810	Manager/Supervisor
COURT PERSONNEL (capacity is 6 per year)							
181	Court Personnel: Staff Topic : Appellate Staff - A			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
182	Court Personnel: Staff Topic : Appellate Staff -8			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
183	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - A			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
184	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - B			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
185	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - C			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
186	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - A			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
187	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - B			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
188	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - C			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
189	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - A			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
190	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - B			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
191	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - C			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
192	Court Personnel: Staff Topic			Remote		ATCO	Court Staff
193	Court Personnel: Staff Topic			Remote		ATCO	Court Staff
194	Court Personnel: Staff Topic : Appellate Staff -A			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
195	Court Personnel: Staff Topic : Appellate Staff -B			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
196	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - A			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
197	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - B			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
198	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - C			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
199	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - A			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
200	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - B			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
201	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - C			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
202	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - A			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
203	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - B			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
204	Court Personnel: Staff Topic - C			In Person		ATCO	Court Staff
205	Court Personnel: Staff Topic			Remote		ATCO	Court Staff
206	Court Personnel: Staff Topic			Remote		ATCO	Court Staff
Webinars (Capacity is 24 per year)							
207	Webinar SHP			Remote			
208	Webinar SHP			Remote			
209	Webinar SHP			Remote			
210	Webinar SHP			Remote			
211	Webinar TBD			Remote			
212	Webinar TBD			Remote			
213	Webinar TBD			Reroute			
214	Webinar TBD			Remote			
215	Webinar TBD			Remote			
216	Webinar TBD			Remote			
217	Webinar TBD			Remote			
218	Webinar TBD			Remote			
219	Webinar TBD			Remote			
220	Webinar TBD			Remote			
221	Webinar TBD			Remote			
222	Webinar TBD			Remote			

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223	Webinar TOO			Remote			
224	Webinar TOO			Remote			
225	Webinar TOD			Remote			
226	Webinar TBD			Remote			
227	Webinar TOD			Remote			
228	Webinar TBD			Remote			
229	Webinar TBD			Remote			
230	Webinar TOD			Remote			
231	Webinar SHP			Remote			
232	Webinar SHP			Remote			
233	Webinar SHP			Remote			
234	Webinar SHP			Remote			
235	Webinar TOD			Remote			
236	Webinar TBD			Remote			
237	Webinar TBD			Remote			
238	Webinar TOD			Remote			
239	Webinar TOD			Remote			
240	Webinar TBD			Remote			
241	Webinar TOD			Remote			
242	Webinar TOD			Remote			
243	Webinar TOD			Remote			
244	Webinar TOD			Remote			
245	Webinar TBD			Remote			
246	Webinar TOD			Remote			
247	Webinar TOD			Remote			
248	Webinar TBD			Remote			
249	Webinar TBD			Remote			
250	Webinar TOD			Remote			
251	Webinar TOD			Remote			
252	Webinar TOD			Remote			
253	Webinar TOD			Remote			
254	Webinar TOD Videos 10 MINUTE MENTORS (capacity is 5 per year)			Remote			
255	10 Minute Mentor TBD			Online			
256	10 Minute Mentor TBD			Online			
257	10 Minute Mentor TOD			Online			
258	10 Minute Mentor TBD			Online			
259	10 Minute Mentor TBD			Online			
260	10 Minute Mentor TOD			Online			
261	10 Minute Mentor TOD			Online			
262	10 Minute Mentor TOD			Online			
263	10 Minute Mentor TOD			Online			
264	10 Minute Mentor TOD			Online			
COURT PERSONNEL VIDEOS (capacity is 12 per year)							
265	Staff Video			Online			
266	Staff Video			Online			

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267	Staff Video			Online			
268	Staff Video			Online			
269	Staff Video			Online			
270	Staff Video			Online			
271	Manager/Supervisor Video			Online			
272	Manager/Supervisor Video			Online			
273	Manager/Supervisor Video			Online			
274	Manager/Supervisor Video			Online			
275	Manager/Supervisor Video			Online			
276	Manager/Supervisor Video			Online			
277	Staff Video			Online			
278	Staff Video			Online			
279	Staff Video			Online			
280	Staff Video			Online			
281	Staff Video			Online			
282	Staff Video			Online			
283	Manager/Supervisor Video			Online			
284	Manager/Supervisor Video			Online			
285	Manager/Supervisor Video			Online			
286	Manager/Supervisor Video			Online			
287	Manager/Supervisor Video			Online			
288	Manager/Supervisor Video			Online			
JUDICIAL VIDEO LECTURES (capacity is 6 per year)							
287	Video lecture TBD			Online			
288	Video Lecture TBD			Online			
289	Video Lecture TBD			Online			
290	Video Lecture TBD			Online			
291	Video Lecture TBD			Online			
292	Video Lecture TBD			Online			
293	Video Lecture TBD			Online			
294	Video Lecture TBD			Online			
295	Video Lecture TBD			Online			
296	Video Lecture TBD			Online			
297	Video Lecture TBD			Online			
298	Video Lecture TBD			Online			
VIDEO COURTROOM SIMULATIONS (capacity is 3 per year)							
299	Video Courtroom Simulation -TBD			Online			
300	Video Courtroom Simulation •TBD			Online			
301	Video Courtroom Simulation -TBD			Online			
302	Video Courtroom Simulation -TBD			Online			
303	Video Courtroom Simulation -TBD			Online			
304	Video Courtroom Simulation -TBD			Online			
VIDEO Legal Update							
305	Legal Update			Online			
306	Legal Update			Online			
307	Legal Update			Online			
308	Legal Update			Online			

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309	Legal Update			Online			
310	Legal Update			Online			
311	Legal Update			Online			
312	Legal Update			Online			
Continuing the Dialogue (capacity is 3 per year)							
313	Continuing the Dialogue			Online			
314	Continuing the Dialogue			Online			
315	Continuing the Dialogue			Online			
316	Continuing the Dialogue			Online			
317	Continuing the Dialogue			Online			
318	Continuing the Dialogue			Online			
Podcasts (Capacity is 24 per year)							
319	Podcast -TBD			Online			
370	Podcast - TBD			Online			
321	Podcast - TBD			Online			
322	Podcast-TBD			Online			
323	Podcast - TOD			Online			
324	Podcast-TBD			Online			
325	Podcast - TOD			Online			
326	Podcast - TBD			Online			
327	Podcast - TOD			Online			
37.8	Podcast - TBD			Online			
329	Podcast - TBD			Online			
330	Podcast - TOD			Online			
331	Podcast - TBD			Online			
332	Podcast-TBD			Online			
333	Podcast - TOD			Online			
334	Podcast - TBD			Online			
335	Podcast - TBD			Online			
336	Podcast - TOD			Online			
337	Podcast - TBD			Online			
338	Podcast - TOD			Online			
339	Podcast-TOD			Online			
340	Podcast-TBD			Online			
341	Podcast-TBD			Online			
342	Podcast - TOD			Online			
343	Podcast - TBD			Online			
344	Podcast - TBD			Online			
345	Podcast-TBD			Online			
346	Podcast-TBD			Online			
347	Podcast - TOD			Online			
348	Podcast - TOD			Online			
349	Podcast - TOD			Online			
350	Podcast - TBD			Online			
351	Podcast - TBD			Online			
352	Podcast - TBD			Online			
353	Podcast - TBD			Online			

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354	Podcast-TBD			Online			
355	Podcast-TBD			Online			
356	Podcast-TBD			Online			
357	Podcast-TBD			Online			
358	Podcast-TBD			Online			
359	Podcast - TBD			Online			
360	Podcast - TED			Online			
361	Podcast - TBD			Online			
362	Podcast - TBD			Online			
363	Podcast-TBD			Online			
364	Podcast-TBD			Online			
365	Podcast-TBD			Online			
366	Podcast-TBD			Online			
367	New Online Course			Online			Judges and SJOs
368	New Online Course Court Staff			Online			Court Staff
369	Online Course Update			Online			Court Staff
370	Online Course Update			Online			Court Staff
ONLINE TUTORIALS							
371	TBD - Staff Topic			Online		ATCO	Court Staff
372	MD - Staff Topic			Online		ATCO	Court Staff
373	TBD - Staff Topic			Online		ATCO	Court Staff
374	TED - Staff Topic			Online		ATCO	Court Staff
Updates to Online Courses (Capacity 4 per year)							
375	Online Course Update			Online			
376	Online Course Update			Online			
377	Online Course Update			Online			
378	Online Course Update			Online			
379	Online Course Update			Online			
380	Online Course Update			Online			
381	Online Course Update			Online			
382	Online Course Update			Online			
Updates to Publications (Capacity 16 per year)							
383	Felony Sentencing Handbook					Criminal	
384	Felony Sentencing Handbook					Criminal	
385	Mandatory Jury Instructions Handbook					Criminal	
386	Mandatory Jury Instructions Handbook					Criminal	
387	California Judges Benchbook Civil Proceedings: Before Trial					Civil	
388	California Judges Benchbook Civil Proceedings: Before Trial					Civil	
389	California Judges Benchbook Civil Proceedings: Trial					Civil	
390	California Judges Benchbook Civil Proceedings: Trial					Civil	
391	California Judges Benchbook Civil Proceedings: After Trial					Civil	
392	California Judges Benchbook Civil Proceedings: After Trial					Civil	
393	California Judges Benchbook Civil Proceedings: Discovery					Civil	
394	California Judges Benchbook Civil Proceedings: Discovery					Civil	
395	Domestic Violence Cases in Criminal Court Benchbook					Criminal	

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Plan S	Content	Plan Year 1 2022-2023	Plan Year 2 2023-2024	Delivery Method	Course Length	Curriculum Committee	Target Audience
396	Domestic Violence Cases in Criminal Court Benchbook					Criminal	
397	Search and Seizure Benchbook					Criminal	
398	Search and Seizure Benchbook					Criminal	
399	Small Claims and Consumer Law Benchbook					Civil	
400	Small Claims and Consumer Law Benchbook					Civil	
401	Publication Update—TBD					Criminal	
402	Publication Update - TBD						
403	Publication Update - MD						
404	Publication Update - TBD						
405	Publication Update - TBD						
406	Publication Update - TBD						
407	Publication Update - TBD						
408	Publication Update - TBD						
409	Publication Update - TBD						
410	Publication Update - TBD						
411	Publication Update - TBD						
412	Publication Update - TBD						
413	Publication Update - TBD						
414	Publication Update - ISO						
New Judicial Bench Tools							
415	Produced As Needed						
New Staff Job Aids							
416	Produced As Needed						
Updates to Bench Tools							
417	Updates AS Needed						
418	DV Selected Case Summaries and Statutes					CJER Advisory	Judges and SJOs
419	DV Selected Case Summaries and Statutes					GER Advisory	Judges and SJOs
Updates to Job Aids							
420	Updates As Needed						
Updates to Course and Facilitation Guides							
421	General Ethics (lesson plan and course materials)					JBAEF	Judges and SJOs
422	Bench Demeanor (lesson plan)					JBAEF	Judges and SJOs
423	Object! Civil Trial Evidence (lesson plan)					Civil	Judges and SJOs
424	Summary Judgments Fairness Training (lesson plan)					JBAEF	Judges and SJOs
425	Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment					JBAEF	Judges and SJOs

ATTACHMENT #2

To Whom it may concern:

My experience being a participant in Santa Clara County Dependency Court has provided my family the opportunity to become whole. In 2009 due to my drug use my family was separated. This was an extremely hard thing for me to accept at the time. During those days, the people who I spent time together with had some very disturbing advice for me. They said that they have never seen a family put back together by the court. They said that once the court got my children there was no chance for me to regain custody of them and the best thing for me to do was to let them go. I was defeated and beaten but I could not simply let my child go with out some sort of fight that I fully expected to lose. My daughter was in foster care and my first bit of luck Judge Lucero granted my daughter to be placed with my parents. As time slowly ticked by the rest of my life was falling apart, I was homeless and using meth at a fevered pace. Very soon came my Juris/Dispo hearing, I entered the court with trepidation, fearing that I will never have my daughter back and my life would change forever. My life did change, and it has never been better. Judge Lucero did keep my child in foster care with my parents. This gave me the only opportunity that I needed to get right. If it were not for Judge Lucero and the courts intervention I would not have changed, I had 29 years of continued drug use to make a change and I never did. When I left that court room that day, Judge Lucero gave me hope, she gave me the first feelings of hope in so many years. I had the opportunity to participate in DDTC, I would go to court every week at first. I was still using but Judge Lucero continued to encourage me that I could do it and she was willing to stand by me. I eventually did get clean; I owe my life to Judge Lucero and I owe my family to her as well. In 2011 my case was closed with custody to both me and my wife. Our daughter was the beneficiary of the court intervention, she was able to remain with us in our very own home that was provided to us by a court program that Judge Lucero was the driving force it is bringing it to court involved families. It is called the Family Unification Program (FUP) we were one of the lucky families to receive a lifetime voucher for low-income families through HUD. Judge Lucero has been working for betterment of families ever since I met her in March 2009!

In 2012 I was asked if I wanted to come work in those same courts that gave my family the amazing life we now enjoy. I jumped at the opportunity and feel so very blessed to share these same goals and beliefs. I have worked for DAC for over 10 years and have been able to give that voucher to another deserving family. I have worked alongside so many Judges it boggles my mind, no less than 13. My experience working with them has been the most gratifying professional experience in my life. I have found every Judge in Dependency to have a kind well-meaning demeanor. Repeatedly I see our dependency court judges encourage, motivate and show empathy. I truly feel that our dependency court judges want nothing more than to have children with their parents. I was shocked to hear that there are some in our community who feel different. Then I remember where I came from and the beliefs that I had when I first walked through those doors. I work on behalf of the parents during there court cases and of course I am upset when one of my parents is unsuccessful, but I understand why the decisions are made and I feel that every one of those difficult decision doesn't come easy or quickly from the Judges. This chapter of my life has been the most gratifying due to the work of our dependency judges I see them on a daily basis working for families and preservation of the family unit.

Sincerely yours,

Dave/ ShAAtor

Dave Shuster
Mentor Parent Program Manager
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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Alyssa Lopez now Mentor Parent for Dependency Advocacy Center (DAC) in Judge Jews (DWC) Dependency Wellness Court. I would like to share my experience with judges in both Clark County, Las Vegas, NV and Santa Clara County, San Jose, CA. I could only imagine the responsibility of any judge. Especially judges in dependency court. In Clark County I do not recall the name of my CPS judge, maybe because I played my part well. I say that because I did not utilize the services on my case plan and had reservations for my drug use above the responsibility of my children's well being. I don't recall how any of the proceedings went except that the end result ended in the return of my child while pregnant and using with my 3rd. Who benefitted? No one. Especially, not my older son who got dragged through another dependency case in Santa Clara. He didn't get removed I gave him and his youngest brother to the dept. because I couldn't pretend I could manage. Without hesitation the judge took jurisdiction over them. For their health, mental health and stability. A reunification plan was ordered that I did not follow sincerely until well after 6 months of services. Because of my lack of effort a heartless judge wouldn't have permitted 6 more months of services. The judge didn't give up on me when I didn't really believe in myself. Then on top of being part of DWC it helped with tailored support to me, a Mentor Parent who could relate to me and a different judge with compassion to support parents through the difficult navigation of learning to live in sobriety.

This judges I personally work with and had the privilege to be in their courtroom do case about the family as a unit and each member individually. We are all just people trying to help people.

The judge in Clark County, did they do my family more benefit by giving me back my child in the same situation to not keep my family apart or would it have been better that they hold me accountable and gave me more services and supported me at least 6 more additional months? We will never know even with additional time I could have very well came back like I did.

The judges in Santa Clara that I have worked with understand the hoops to jump through to make the hard life changes to parent well and live clean and sober. In the legal court the judges participate in Family Reunification Day to acknowledge the hardwork put forward by the parent/s They give of their time and are firm and flexible with services that are suggested to the benefit of the parent/s and child/ren.

If a parent continues to struggle with what's keeping them reunifying they need not to give up Try something different. Make known their struggles to get the right services. Also, in the beginning provide family that can and willing to be placement for the child. Ultimately, judges

Seeing flaws in others is easy. Evaluating ourselves takes a person of growth and humility. There are always things that can be improved on, especially, as parents. The services court ordered and the changes needed to be made may seem hard to accomplish but they are not impossible.

Judges aren't perfect, but they do not go looking for families to keep apart. Thank you for your time.

Much Respect,

Alyssa Lopez

11/03/2022

Dear FWC Team,

I want to thank all of you for actively participating in what I believe to be my resurrection. I was lost, confused and definitely going down the long hard path to death.... Once arrested, my life took an uphill spiral that led me to people and places I had never dreamed of. People that saved my life and my soul, starting with this courtroom. You have given me more than just my daughter back; you have given me a life. I love who I have become. I have mended relationships with my family that I thought I would never speak to again and I couldn't have done it without being here and doing the "steps" of recovery.

I had never heard of Narcotics Anonymous until you sent me there. What an amazing life I have now. I have gifts beyond my wildest dreams. I came in here with nothing but the clothes on my back and you have given me my daughter, my home, a job, transportation and pretty much anything I needed whenever I needed it. I am going back to school and so far I am a straight A student. I have never had an A in my life. Also if my daughter knew what was really going on, she would say thank you for giving me my morn back.... Thank you for saving my life and believing that somewhere deep down inside I was still alive.

Dear Judge Yew,

I want to thank you
for everything you have done
for me, for seeing something
I did not, a future, At the beginning
of my case I was an addict, living in a
tent, missing teeth, no health care
estranged from my family, living a day to
day existence. Now I am 2 weeks shy
of 1 year clean (Sober, I am on the list
for the 2nd street studios, hear a beautiful smile
due to my dentures, and having a reason to smile
I now health care, reunited with my family
and can see a future for myself. A big
part of all this is because of you. I want
to thank you for treating ~~me~~ me with

You have such a good heart.
You're always saying
something thoughtful
or doing something kind.
And today I want to be sure
you know how very much
you're appreciated.

The dignity and respect I didn't
even have for myself, Your kindness
and compassion you show in your courtroom
made court something I looked forward
to, your praise and encouragement kept me
going when things were tough, I felt that if
someone like you was proud of me, I was
doing all right. Thank you
out →

7/8/22

Dearest Judge Keiffman,

I'd like to express my gratitude to you dear sir. Your care and consideration for everyone in court is respectable. As a victim of generational sexual abuse, one of my abusers was sent to trial. I was a witness in this trial and remember the judge, prosecutor, defense especially. All treated me judgmentally. Keeping in mind my case was 30 years ago, I still remember the shame and embarrassment from the crime committed against me. I applaud you!

Thank you again
#2424459

P.S. Please
Counseling
is important
for everyone!
Please make

(if found guilty) it mandatory
in sentencing.

ATTACHMENT #3

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FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

10 *In the Matter of Dissolution of Marriage of*) Case No.: BD639061
11 ARAMAZD ANDRESSIAN,)
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13) STIPULATION AND ORDER
14) REGARDING CUSTODY, VISITATION,
15) ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS, AND
16) OTHER ISSUES
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Petitioner ARAMAZD ANDRESSIAN (hereinafter "ARA"), by and through his attorney of record, REBECCA D. LIZARRAGA, and Respondent ANA ESTEVEZ ANDRESSIAN (hereinafter "ANA"), by and through his attorney of record, NAZANIN MANI of LAW OFFICES OF NIGEL BURNS, hereby stipulate to the following:

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1. There is one minor child in this matter, ARAMAZD ANDRESSIAN II (DOB 02/19/12) (hereinafter "ARAMAZD II").

A. The court's basis for exercise of jurisdiction over ARAMAZD II in this proceeding is under the California Family Code in which this court is

authorized to make child custody orders (Family Code §3021 (a)-(g) or Family Code §3104) and;

B. The country of habitual residence of ARAMAZD II for all purposes is the United States, (42USC§1 1601 et seq.) and;

C. The home state for ARAMAZD II for all purposes is the State of California, (Family Code §3421, 42USC§1 1601 et seq.)

D. The parties were given notice and an opportunity to be heard, as provided by the laws of the State of California and all necessary parties have acquiesced in this court's exercise of jurisdiction over the custody of the minor child.

E. Any violation of the custody and visitation order herein may subject the party in violation to civil or criminal penalties, or both.

CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION

2. The Maternal Grandmother, DONNA ESTEVEZ (hereinafter "DONNA") shall not transport ARAMAZD II to and from custodial exchanges. DONNA shall not be present at any custodial exchanges.

3. The parties' April 29, 2016 custodial order is hereby modified, regarding the exchange time for ARAMAZD II. The exchange time for ARAMAZD II shall now be 6:30 P.M. inside the police station, as opposed to 1:00 P.M. as outlined in the April 29, 2016 order. This shall allow ANA to be present at custodial exchanges of ARAMAZD II. All other orders regarding custody shall remain in full force and effect.

4. ANA and ARA stipulate and the court orders ARAMAZD II may be registered with the South Pasadena School District in order to secure a kindergarten spot for ARAMAZD

2 1 II. Pursuant to court order, ANA's counsel is currently in possession of ARAMAZD
3 II's Birth Certificate. ANA's counsel shall give ANA, ARAMAZD II's Birth Certificate so
4 ARA and ANA may register ARAMAZD II with the South Pasadena School District. After
5 registration is complete, ANA shall return the Birth Certificate to her counsel, and ANA's
6 counsel shall email ARA's counsel a copy of the Birth Certificate to confirm it has been
7 returned. This agreement and order is made without prejudice, and ARA and ANA must
8 agree on what school ARAMAZD II will attend, or if they are unable to reach an agreement,
10 the court shall decide what school ARAMAZD II will attend.

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12 AT FEES AND COSTS

13 5. At this time, the proceeds from the sale of the family residence are being held in
14 the attorney-client trust account of ARA's counsel, REBECCA D. LIZARRAGA. ARA and
15 ANA stipulate and the court orders they shall each receive \$30,000.00, for a total of \$60,000.00,
E, from the funds currently held in trust to be utilized towards attorney fees and costs. Said
17 distribution of attorney fees shall be without prejudice and subject to reallocation at the time of
18 trial. Upon distribution of the funds, ARA's counsel shall provide an updated account of the
19 funds held in her attorney-client trust account.
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22 6. On February 16, 2017, the court ordered a two (2) day Parenting Plan
4) 23 Assessment, for a total cost of \$1,950.00. The court ordered the cost is to be equally shared by
4tY
25 orders ARA's counsel, REBECCA D. LIZARRAGA, shall issue a check from the parties'
4126 funds currently held in trust in the amount of \$1,950.00 in order to pay for the Parenting Plan
27 Assessment, without prejudice and subject to reallocation at the time of trial.
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*\$15,000.00
to be wired
into Ana's
Account and
\$15,000.00
into Nigel
Buen's Acct.
NM
AB*

1 OTHER ORDERS:

2 7. Upon execution of this Stipulation by both parties and counsel, the hearing
3 currently scheduled for March 7, 2017, and brief scheduling, regarding the registration of the
4 ARAMAZD II in school, and the hearing currently scheduled for March 13, 2017, and briefing
5 schedule, regarding transportation of ARAMAZD II, shall be taken off calendar.
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7 8. ANA and ARA shall execute any documentation necessary to carry out the terms
8 of this stipulation and order.
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10 9. Any orders not in conflict with the orders herein shall remain in full force and
11 effect.

12 IT IS SO STIPULATED AND AGREED:

13 Date: 2/20/17


ARAMAZD ANDRESSIAN, Petitioner

15 Date: 2/20/17

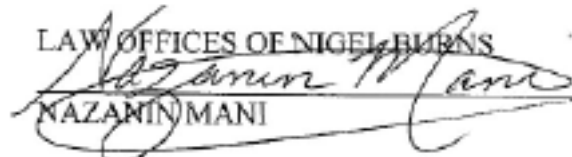

ANA ESTEVEZ ANDRESSIAN, Respondent

17 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

19 Date: 2/20/17

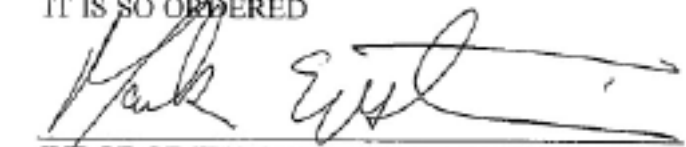

LIZARRAGA LAW, APC
REBECCA D. LIZARRAGA, Attorney for Petitioner

21 Date: 2/20/2017


LAW OFFICES OF NIGEL BURNS
NAZANIN MANI

24 IT IS SO ORDERED

26 Date: FEB 21 2017


JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
MARK EPSTEIN

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Date	04-13-17		Dept: Dept. CE 81 [CE81]
Honorable	Mark H. Epstein	Judge	M. Hart
Honorable		Judge Pro Tem	R. Spremo
#5	M. Robinson	Deputy Sheriff	S. Wong, CSR #11117
			Deputy Clerk Court Assistant Reporter

8:30 am

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Aramazd Andressian (X)	Counsel For Petitioner:	Rebecca Lizarraga (X)
VS.		
Ana Estevez Andressian (X)	Counsel For Respondent:	Nigel Burns (X) (x) Nazanin Mani (x)

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: HEARING ON PARENTING PLAN ASSESSMENT 2 (SET BY COURT 2/16/17)

TRIAL SETTING CONFERENCE (CONTINUED FROM 12/13/16)

Matter is called for hearing.

The parties meet with the Child Custody Evaluator in the morning session, and return into court in the afternoon session.

Petitioner and Respondent are sworn and testify.

The matter is settled pursuant to written Stipulation and Order signed by the parties and filed this date.

The Trial Setting Conference is continued to 08-09-2017 at 8:30 a.m. in this department. Both parties and counsel are to be present pursuant to Local Rule 5.13. The case may be referred to the Daily Settlement Officer.

The parties are each given a copy of the court's Trial Setting Conference order this date in open court.

Notice is waived.

APR 13 2017 8:30 AM

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES		Reserved for Clerk's File Stamp	
COURTHOUSE ADDRESS: STANLEY MOSK COURTHOUSE - CENTRAL 111 NORTH HILL STREET LOS ANGELES, CA 90012		FILED Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles	
PETITIONER <i>ANDRESSIAN</i>		APR 13 2017	
RESPONDENT:		Shirley R. Cufor, Executive Officer/Clerk By <i>[Signature]</i> , Deputy Michael Hart	
TRIAL SETTING CONFERENCE ORDER		CASE NUMBER: <i>B0639061</i>	
		DEPARTMENT: 81	

1. The parties shall schedule and attend a mediation in the Family Court Services Mediation Office (in Room 241) to discuss and try to reach an agreement on child custody and visitation issues no later than _____.
2. Petitioner and Respondent shall (1) complete the Our Children First program (either on-line or in person), and (2) file a Certificate of Completion with the court no later than _____.
3. Completion of Discovery
- A. Pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, the court orders that the discovery cut-off is *3/24/17*. The parties shall complete all discovery (pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure §§ 2024.010-2024.030) no later than that date. *except that Petitioner's deposition may be completed no later than May 5, 2017*
- B. The court advises the parties that their failure to complete discovery in this case may not be good cause for a continuance of the trial setting conference or the trial in this matter.
4. Petitioner shall (1) serve on the other party his or her Preliminary Declaration of Disclosure and Final Declaration of Disclosure, and the other documents required by Family Code §§ 2104 and 2105, and (2) file a Declaration Regarding Service of the disclosure(s) on Judicial Council form FL-141 with the court no later than _____.
5. Respondent shall (1) serve on the other party his or her Preliminary Declaration of Disclosure and Final Declaration of Disclosure, and the other documents required by Family Code §§ 2104 and 2105, and (2) file a Declaration Regarding Service of the disclosure(s) on Judicial Council form FL-141 with the court no later than _____.

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- 6. All pension plans that are required to be joined as parties to the case shall be joined no later than _____.
- 7. All necessary parties shall be joined as parties to the case no later than _____.
- 8. Preliminary efforts to settle the case.
 - A. The parties and their counsel shall hold a settlement meeting in person to discuss and try to settle all disputed issues no later than _____.
 - B. The parties and their counsel shall hold a mediation with the Family Law Daily Settlement Officer (in Room 205 or 207B of this Courthouse) to discuss and try to settle all disputed issues on Aug. 9, 2017.
- 9. The Trial Setting Conference is continued to Aug. 9, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., in Department 81.
- 10. Each party shall file with the court and serve on the other party (1) a trial brief which includes a list of the issues in dispute for trial, (2) a list of witnesses to be called at trial, (3) a list of nonimpeachment exhibits to be offered at trial, and (4) a ~~current and completed income and expense declaration (Judicial Council form FL-150)~~ no later than June 30, 2017. Each party shall also serve on the other party copies of all nonimpeachment exhibits he or she intends to offer at trial no later than June 30, 2017. *The parties will file updated income & expense declarations no later than August 2, 2017.*
- 11. The court sets an Order to Show Cause as to why the court should not impose money sanctions in an amount not to exceed \$ _____ against Petitioner/Respondent pursuant to C.C.P. § 177.5 for violation of the court's order, filed _____, (1) by failing to serve on the other party his/her Preliminary Declaration of Disclosure and Final Declaration of Disclosure, and the other documents required by Family Code §§ 2104 and 2105, and by failing to file a Declaration Regarding Service of the disclosure(s) on Judicial Council form FL-141 with the court no later than _____, and (2) by failing to

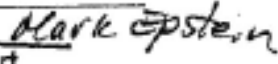
The hearing on the Order to Show Cause is set for _____, at 8:30 a.m., in Department 81. Any declaration in response to the court's Order to Show Cause shall be filed with the court and served no later than _____.

The parties may seek the assistance of the Family Law Self-Help Center (in Room 426 of this Courthouse) to help them comply with the orders set forth above.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 4/13/17


 Robert B. Broadbent III
 Judge of the Superior Court


 Mark Epstein

08/22/2017