

JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS EFFECTIVE 2025

Judge Rita Federman will be the Presiding Judge for 2025. Judge Tana Coates will be the Assistant Presiding Judge and act as Presiding Judge in Judge Federman's absence. The following are the assignments effective January 2, 2025:

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Judge Timothy S. Covello – Supervising Judge, Department 5
Judge Matthew G. Guerrero is assigned to Department 1 for January 2025; commencing
February 2025, an Assigned Judge is assigned to Department 1
 Judge Rita Federman, Department 3
 Judge Michael S. Frye, Department 6
 Judge Catherine J. Swysen, Department 8
 Judge Crystal T. Seiler, Department 9
 Judge Jesse J. Marino, Department 10
Judge Gayle L. Peron, Presiding Juvenile Judge for January 2025
Judge Matthew G. Guerrero, Presiding Juvenile Judge, commencing February 2025,
 Juvenile Services Center (JSC) and Department 12
Commissioner Leslie H. Kraut, Grover Beach Branch Court,
 and Paso Robles Branch Court

DUTIES: The Criminal Division will handle all felony and misdemeanor criminal cases from arraignment to disposition, along with criminal writs, and Mentally Disordered Offender petitions (P.C. §2960). All felony and misdemeanor pretrial hearings, motions, and trials will be heard in the department where the defendant's case is assigned following arraignment. The judge presiding in that department will be assigned for all purposes for the balance of the case. Motions should be noticed at least ten (10) days in advance of the hearing date, trial or preliminary hearing. Applications for criminal writs on actions taken by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) should be filed with the Civil Division and will be assigned to a criminal bench officer based on the surname of the petitioner. Ex parte applications should be presented to the Criminal Division, Room 220. All juvenile delinquency and dependency calendars and contested hearings will be heard in Department 12 and at the Juvenile Services Center. Juvenile traffic will be called by a designated hearing officer at the Grover Beach Courthouse and/or by Commissioner Kraut at the Grover Beach Courthouse. Traffic calendars will be called at the Grover Beach Courthouse and Paso Robles Courthouse.

CRIMINAL CALENDARS

Dept. 1 – Judge Matthew G. Guerrero in January 2025 Judge Assigned commencing February 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Misdemeanors	Felonies	Misdemeanors	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions	All Criminal Calendars & Readiness Calendar
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial	Trial/PC2960's	Trial	Trial	Trial

Dept. 3 - Judge Rita Federman

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Felonies	Felonies	Felonies	Felonies	
9:00					
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess

Dept. 5 - Judge Timothy S. Covello – Criminal Division Supervising Judge

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Felonies	Misdemeanors	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions	Misdemeanors	
11:00					Mental Health Diversion
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial/PC2960's	Trials/Contested Hearings	Trial	Trials/Contested Hearings	Trial

Dept. 6 - Judge Michael S. Frye

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Misdemeanors	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings Prelims & Motions	Misdemeanors	Felonies	Drug Court
9:00					Drug Court PV's
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial	Trial	Trial	Trial/PC2960's	Trial

Dept. 8 – Judge Catherine J. Swysen

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions	Misdemeanors	Felonies	Misdemeanors	DARK
11:00					Behavioral Treatment Court (BHTC/ATCC)
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial	Trial	Trial/PC2960's	Trial	Trial

Dept. 9 – Judge Crystal T. Seiler

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions	Misdemeanors	Felonies	Misdemeanors	Qawi's (3 rd Friday)
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial	Trial	Trial/PC2960's	Trial	Trial

Dept. 10 - Judge Jesse J. Marino

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Misdemeanors	Felonies	Misdemeanors	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions	Veterans Treatment Court (1 st & 3rd Friday)
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial	Trial/ PC2960's	Trial	Trial	Trial

All cases will be assigned equitably from the following electronic wheels: Misdemeanor, Felony, Multi-Defendant, SVP & Sex Cases, and Homicide.

**Dept. 12 and JSC – Judge Gayle Peron in January 2025
Judge Matthew G. Guerrero commencing February 2025**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15	602 Juvenile Justice (JSC)	602 Juvenile Justice Detentions Only	300 Juvenile Protection Contested (D12)	602 Juvenile Justice (JSC) (Or D12 Zoom)	602 Juvenile Justice Detentions Only
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:15	300 Juvenile Protection Contested (D12)	300 Juvenile Protection Detentions Only	300 Juvenile Protection (D12)	300 Juvenile Protection (D12)	300 Juvenile Protection Detentions Only

Traffic and Small Claims Calendars Grover/Paso – Commissioner Leslie H. Kraut

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30		Grover Adult Traffic Arraignments		Grover Adult Traffic Arraignments	
8:45	Grover SLO/Paso Small Claims				Grover Small Claims (SLO, Paso &GB)
9:00			Paso Court Adult Traffic Trials		
11:00		(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs (PHF)		(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. (PHF)	
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:00	Grover Family Treatment Court (FTC)				
1:30		Grover Adult Traffic South County Trials	Paso Court Adult Traffic Arraignments	Grover Adult Traffic SLO Trials	Grover Informal Juvenile Traffic Arraignments- by Deputy P.O.-1 st & 3 rd Fridays
3:00		Truancy & Ed. Code 3 rd Thursday of the Month		Truancy & Ed. Code 3 rd Thursday of the Month	
3:30	(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. (PHF)		(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. (PHF)		

CIVIL DIVISION

Judge Craig van Rooyen, SLO Department 2
 Judge Tana L. Coates – Supervising Judge, SLO Department 4
 Judge Michael C. Kelley, Paso Robles Department P-2
 Commissioner Leslie H. Kraut – Grover Beach Courthouse

DUTIES: The civil team will hear civil matters, probate, mental health, adoptions, and small claims trials de novo. All proceedings will be heard by the judge who has been assigned to manage the case for all purposes. All motions should be calendared for that department after a date has been secured from the Clerk’s Office. Jury trials, court trials and other contested hearings may be conducted Monday through Friday on a schedule determined by the judicial officer. Judges Coates, Judge van Rooyen and Judge Kelley will be the designated CEQA judges for 2025.

Paso Robles – Dept. P2 – Judge Michael C. Kelley

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30		Civil/LPS Ex Partes	Civil Harassment/ Unlawful Detainer	Civil/ LPS Ex Partes Unlawful Detainer Trials Back-Up TRO’s	
9:00	Case Mgmt. Conf. Judg. Debt. Exam	Non-Work Up Law & Motion Claim of Exempt.	Case Mgmt. Conf. Judg. Debt. Exam		Probate - Conservatorship/ Guardianship
9:01		Law & Motion			Probate - OSC
9:02		MSJ Law & Motion			Probate – Court Apptd. Atty Costs
9:30			OSC re: Name Change		
10:00	Court Trials-Short Default Prove Up Trial de Novo Comm. Kraut DQ’s/ Family Law 1 st Monday of the month		Readiness Conf.		
10:30		Jury Trials			LPS - Conservatorship
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Status Conference (1 st Monday)/Trial	Trial	Trial	Trial	Trial/Appellate Court (3 rd Friday)

Judge Kelley may specially set matters at times outside of the standard calendar times and on different calendars as needed. Further calendars might be closed to accommodate long hearings.

Dept. 2 - Judge Craig van Rooyen

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes		
9:00	CMCs OSC Dismissals Trial Setting Conf. Readiness Conf. Trials de Novo Default Prove Up (non-UD)	Unlawful Detainer Default Prove Up (including UD Default Prove Up)	CMCs OSC Dismissals Trial Setting Conf. Readiness Conf.	Non-Work up Law & Motion Name Changes Judg. Debtor	Civil Harassment Calendar
9:01				Law & Motion	
9:02				MSJ Law & Motion	
10:00	Trials - Court Set Pretrial Disc. Conf.	Trial - Court Set Pretrial Disc. Conf.	Trials - Court Set Pretrial Disc. Conf.	Trials -Minor's Comp.Trials - Court Set Probate/ Family Law Special Sets	Judge Set Only
10:00	Mental Health	Mental Health	Mental Health	CARE Court	Mental Health
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trials/ Termination/ Freedom Cal	Trials	Trials	Trials	Judge Set Only Appellate Division (3 rd Friday)

Dept. 4 - Judge Tana L. Coates – Civil Supervising Judge

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Ex Partes			Ex Partes	Civil Harassment Calendar
9:00	Case Mgmt. Conf. OSC Dismissals	Probate Estates and Trusts (No New Estate Petitions)	Non-Work up Law & Motion Name Changes Judg. Debtor Ex.	Case Mgmt. Conf. OSC Dismissals	
9:01		Probate New Estates/Report of Sale (Petition for Confirmation of Sale)	Law & Motion		
9:02			MSJ Law & Motion		

10:00	UD Trials Small Claims DQ's Default Prove ups			Readiness Conf.	Adoptions (1 st & 3rd Friday) Terminations (2 nd & 4th Friday)
10:30	Judge Set Only				
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial/Discovery Conference	Trial/Discovery Conference	Trial/Discovery Conference	Trial/Discovery Conferences	Appellate Court (3 rd Friday)
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FAMILY LAW DIVISION

Judge Erin M. Childs – Supervising Judge, SLO Department 7
 Judge Jacquelyn H. Duffy, Paso Robles Department P-1
 Commissioner Kenneth R. McDaniel, SLO Department 11

Dept. 7 - Judge Erin M. Childs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	TSC/RC/JAIM Calendar	Trial	Trial	Trial	Judge Set Only
9:00	Non-Appearance Status Conference Clerk set 2 nd /Court Set 4 th Monday				MSC
9:45	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Judge Set Only
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	RFO Calendar In-Person	Trial	Trial	Trial	Judge Set Only

Dept. 11 - Commissioner Kenneth R. McDaniel

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fridays
8:30	Special Sets	Special Sets	Special Sets	Family Support and Enforcement Calendar (DCSS/AB1058)	Readiness Conf./Trial Setting Conf.
9:00	RFO Calendar In-Person		DV Calendar		Trial
9:45	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial	Non-Appearance Status Conference 1st Monday Judge Set Only	Trial		<u>D11 DARK</u> Appellate Cal 1 st Friday of the month

Paso Robles – Dept. P1 - Judge Jacquelyn H. Duffy

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Review Hearings	DV Calendar	Review Hearing Status Conference 1 st Wed. Court set 3 rd Wed. Clerk set	RFO Calendar	DARK
9:00	Trial/Mediation		Trial/Mediation		Trial/Hearings
9:45	Ex Partes (Limit 3)	Ex Partes (Limit 3)	Ex Partes (Limit 3)		Ex Partes (Limit 3)
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trials/Hearings	DV Calendar overflow Trials/Hearings	Trial Calendar	Trials/Hearings	Trials/Hearings

APPELLATE DIVISION

Judge Craig van Rooyen (Presiding Judge)
 Judge Michael C. Kelley
 Judge Catherine J. Swysen
 Judge Crystal T. Seiler (Alternate)

CALENDAR: Oral Argument is held at 1:30 p.m. on the First Friday of Each Month