**JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS EFFECTIVE 2025**

**REVISED 2/24/2024**

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 January2025**

**Judge Assigned commencing February 2025**

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|  | 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**

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

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|  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| **8:30** | Felonies | Misdemeanors | Felonies  (Evidentiary Hrgs)  Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions | Misdemeanors | 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**

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|  | 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**

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|  | 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**

\*\*\*Change to the Monday/Wednesday Felony calendars will commence February 24, 2025.\*\*\*

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| **8:30** | Felonies | Misdemeanors | Felonies  (Evidentiary Hrgs)  Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions | Misdemeanors | Qawi’s  (3rd Friday) |
| **12:00** | Noon Recess | Noon Recess | Noon Recess | Noon Recess | Noon Recess |
| **1:30** | Trial/PC2960’s | Trial | Trial | Trial | Trial |

## **Dept. 10 - Judge Jesse J. Marino**

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

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| **Criminal Calendars: 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**

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|  | 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.-1st & 3rd Fridays |
| **3:00** |  | Truancy & Ed. Code  3rd Thursday of the Month |  | Truancy & Ed. Code  3rd Thursday of the Month |  |
| **3:30** | (Riese)  Mental Health Hrgs. (PHF) |  | (Riese)  Mental Health Hrgs. (PHF) |  |  |

**CIVIL DIVISION**

Judge Tana L. Coates – Supervising Judge, SLO Department 4

Judge Craig van Rooyen, SLO Department 2

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.

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

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|  | 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**  **10:00** | UD Trials  Small Claims DQ’s  Default Prove ups |  |  | Readiness Conf. | **Adoptions**  (1st & 3rd Friday)  **Terminations**  (2nd & 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  (3rd Friday) |
| Judge Coates special sets 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**

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|  | 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 | CARE Court  1st & 3rd Wednesdays | Mental Health | 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 (3rd Friday) |

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

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| **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 1st 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  (1st Monday)/Trial | Trial | Trial | Trial | Trial/Appellate Court (3rd 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. | | | | | |

**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 – Family Law Supervising Judge**

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|  | 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 2nd /Court Set 4th 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**

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|  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday**s** |
| **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 Tuesday  Judge Set Only | Trial |  | D11 DARK  Appellate Cal  1st Friday of the month |

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

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|  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| **8:30** | Review Hearings | DV Calendar | Review Hearing  Status Conference  1st Wed. Court set  3rd 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) |
| **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