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# INVITATION TO COMMENT SPR19-28

#### Title

Family Law: Changes to Continuance Rules and Forms

#### Proposed Rules, Forms, Standards, or Statutes

Adopt rule 5.95; amend rules 5.2, 5.94, 5.151, and 5.165; approve forms FL-306/FL-307/FL-308-INFO, FL-308, FL-309, and FL-310; revise forms FL-303 and FL-306; revoke and replace form FL-307

#### As Proposed by

Family and Juvenile Law Advisory CommitteeHon. Jerilyn L. Borack, CochairHon. Mark A. Juhas, Cochair Action Requested Review and submit comments by June 10, 2019

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#### **Executive Summary and Origin**

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee proposes changes to four rules of court and three forms, and the adoption of one new rule of court and two new forms and an information sheet to implement new procedures for rescheduling (continuing) a hearing in family court. The new procedures would (1) respond to the concerns raised by court professionals following the September 1, 2017, publication of the amended rule and revised forms relating to continuing hearings in family court, and (2) specify when a party can and cannot file a request to reschedule a hearing without first notifying and serving the other party.

#### Background

Effective September 1, 2017, the Judicial Council revoked form FL-306, *Request and Order to Continue Hearing and Extend Temporary Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders* and replaced it with two new forms—an application and an order. The title of new form FL-306 was changed to *Request to Continue Hearing* to harmonize it with other civil forms used to request a continuance to effect service with temporary emergency (ex parte) orders (i.e., *Request to Continue Court*  *Hearing* (form DV-116), *Request to Continue Court Hearing* (form WV-115), and *Request to Continue Court Hearing* (form EA-115)).

In addition, form FL-306 was expanded to cover actions filed by the Department of Child Support Services in parentage cases and to allow a party to use the form to ask the court to continue a hearing on a *Request for Order* (form FL-300) (hereafter RFO), order to show cause, or other moving papers without temporary emergency orders "*to allow time for service on the other party before the hearing*" (emphasis added).<sup>1</sup>

Rule 5.94(f) and forms FL-306 and *Order on Request to Continue Hearing* (form FL-307) cover requests to continue a hearing in limited circumstances. They allow a party to request that the court continue a hearing when the other parties in the case have not been served with notice of the hearing. In this situation, under rule 5.94, the moving party is not required to provide notice to the other party before seeking an order to continue the hearing. Rule 5.94 also allows responding parties who have been served to use form FL-306 to request a continuance of a hearing involving temporary emergency orders, as permitted by Family Code section 245. However, the rule does not address how notice to the other party is to be provided.

When the title of the mandatory form was changed to *Request to Continue Hearing*, effective September 1, 2017, courts observed that parties and attorneys started using form FL-306 to ask to continue a hearing date in all cases, including when the other party had actually been served with notice of the hearing.

There are no statewide rules of court or forms that cover procedures for family law continuances other than as provided by rule 5.94(f). The procedure for all other continuances is governed by local court rules. Local procedures generally require that the party asking to continue the hearing provide notice of the request to the other parties and serve copies of the request. This allows the other parties the opportunity to be heard on the request to continue the hearing before the court makes an order.

The changes proposed to rule 5.94 and other forms would address the issue of when notice is required on the other party before asking the court to continue a hearing and provide a method for the other party to respond to the request before the court considers the request. A new information sheet would also educate parties about using and responding to a request to continue a hearing using form FL-306 or form FL-307, and generally describe other procedures to reschedule a hearing in family court.

The charts in Attachment A to this proposal illustrate the procedures for rescheduling a hearing in family court. The charts are for informational purposes only, and are not part of the rules or forms proposed for adoption.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Judicial Council of Cal., Adv. Com. rep., *Family Law: Request to Continue Hearing and Declaration Regarding Notice of Request for Temporary Emergency Orders* (Apr. 28, 2017), p. 3, https://jcc.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=5165106&GUID=7C168ED1-5D9D-47F5-A816-B9A99F2CAB4C.

#### The Proposal

#### Rules

#### Rule 5.2. Division title; definitions; application of rules and laws

Rule 5.2 would be amended to include a new item 11 to provide that "reschedule the hearing" means the same as "continue the hearing." The change generally reflects the committee's proposal to use the term "reschedule" to replace "continue" or "continuance" throughout the rules and forms in this proposal. This change would respond to comments from court professionals and organizations that assist self-represented litigants that the term "continue" is often misunderstood and should be clarified so that a party understands that the hearing will not proceed (continue) as scheduled, but will be reset to a future date.

#### Rule 5.94. Order shortening time; other filing requirements; request to continue hearing

The committee proposes extensive changes to the rescheduling procedures in rule 5.94(f). For this reason, the committee proposes striking subdivision (f) and placing the rescheduling rules under proposed new rule 5.95. To reflect the change, the title of rule 5.94 would be changed to *Order shortening time; other filing requirements; failure to serve request for order.* 

#### Rule 5.95. Request to reschedule hearing

The proposed new rule would organize the requirements for rescheduling a hearing under subdivisions that highlight the reason for the request. For example, subdivisions (a) through (d) would be titled as follows:

- (a) Reschedule a hearing because the other party was not served
- (b) Written agreements (stipulations) to reschedule a hearing
- (c) Reschedule a hearing after the other party was served with the Request for Order or other moving papers
- (d) Reschedule a hearing to attend mediation or child custody recommending counseling

Reorganizing the rules as noted above would help the parties understand the procedures that apply in each situation and the forms and information sheets associated with those procedures.

A significant proposed change to the rescheduling rule would be reflected in subdivisions (a) and (c). Under (a)(2)(B), the rule would allow the court to delegate to the court clerk the authority to reschedule a hearing on the party's written request if the RFO did not involve temporary emergency orders or if the party asking to reschedule does not request a change to any temporary emergency (ex parte) orders that were initially granted with the RFO. If temporary emergency orders are involved, the expiration date of the temporary emergency (ex parte) orders would be extended to the date of the new hearing. This change would increase court efficiencies by eliminating the requirement for judicial officers to review and sign the request.

As noted in the Alternatives Considered (below) comments are requested about another issue in subdivision (a) regarding whether the rule should reference deadlines for serving a request for order.

In addition, current rule 5.94(f)(5)(A)(i) provides that the party asking for the continuance should submit *Request to Continue Hearing* (form FL-306) to the court no later than five court days before the hearing date set on the RFO, order to show cause, or other moving papers. The committee seeks input about whether this provision should be included in proposed new rule 5.95(a)(1). For example, has it been helpful for the rule to provide a suggestion or best practice with regard to a deadline for submitting a written request to reschedule a hearing?

Proposed rule 5.95(c) would clarify that a party may not file a request to reschedule a hearing without first notifying and serving the other party with the request. In addition, the rule would require that the party file with the request to reschedule the hearing a declaration demonstrating when and how notice and service was completed.

Further, proposed rule 5.95 would specify that the process for notice and service on the other party would follow the same procedure for when a party requests temporary emergency (ex parte) orders under rules 5.151 through 5.165. For example, the party would have to obtain a court date for when the party will submit the request to reschedule papers to the court (or when the court will have a hearing on the request to reschedule). Then, the party would have to notify the other party by 10 a.m. the day before the date obtained from the court and serve the papers on the other party.

The proposed amendments would also prompt the party to refer to their court's local rules and procedures when proceeding under rule 5.95(c). This would acknowledge that courts differ as to how these filings are processed. For example, as previously noted, some courts set a hearing on the request to reschedule and others process the request on paper without a hearing.

#### Rules 5.151 and 5.165

These rules would be amended to incorporate the term "reschedule" and refer to new rule 5.95. In addition, subdivision (a) of rule 5.165 (Requirements for notice) would be amended to provide:

#### (a) Method of notice

Notice of appearance at a hearing to request emergency orders may be given <u>personally</u>, by telephone, in writing, <u>voicemail</u>, fax transmission, electronic <u>means</u>, overnight mail, or other overnight carrier.

As illustrated above, the rule would be amended to clarify that "in writing" means that notice may be given by voicemail, fax transmission, or overnight mail or other overnight carrier. These proposed amendments would align the rule to the current methods of notice listed in form FL-303. In addition, the committee proposes adding "electronic means" to these methods, which could include notice to the other party by e-mail.

#### **Revised Forms**

#### Request to Continue Hearing (form FL-306)

The committee proposes changing this form as follows:

- The title would be changed to *Request to Reschedule Hearing*.
- All references to "continue" or "continuance" would be replaced with "reschedule," as previously noted.
- The content would be distributed under these headings: "Case Information," "Request," "Reason for Rescheduling," "Special Procedures May Apply," and "Proposed Order Required."
- The form would include a reference to a new information sheet about how to reschedule a hearing in family court.
- The form would allow the party to request that the court reschedule the hearing after a certain date and specify dates that the party is not available.

#### Order on Request to Continue Hearing (form FL-307)

This form would be renumbered from FL-307 to FL-309. The form number FL-307 would be reassigned to a proposed new form, *Request to Reschedule Hearing Involving Temporary Emergency (Ex Parte) Order,* as described below. The renumbered order form would be revised to include a space for the court to order the parties to attend child custody mediation or child custody recommending counseling.

### Declaration Regarding Notice and Service of Request for Temporary Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders (form FL-303)

Item 2 of this form would be revised to provide check boxes for a party to check if the party seeks to reschedule a hearing with or without temporary emergency (ex parte) orders. Item 3a(2) would be reformatted and a new check box would be added for a party to specify if notice was given electronically to the other party. Item 4 would be revised to add check boxes for the forms a party would need to have served on the other party before filing the request to reschedule.

#### New forms

#### How to Reschedule a Hearing in Family Court (form FL-306/FL-307/FL-308-INFO)

The proposed new form would provide general information to the parties involved in a proceeding to reschedule a hearing. The form would reflect the requirements of proposed new rule 5.95, provide references to specific rules of court and how to find the rules, and include references to resources for parties who have questions about the process or wish to seek legal advice.

# Request to Reschedule Hearing Involving Temporary Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders (form FL-307)

The committee proposes a new form for a party to use to reschedule a hearing when the court has issued temporary emergency (ex parte) orders with a *Request for Order* (form FL-300). The form would include procedures specific to actions involving temporary emergency orders. For example, Family Code section 245 specifies that a party responding to temporary emergency orders for property restraint (under Family Code sections 2045 or 4620) is entitled to continue the hearing one time as a matter of course. The entitlement is limited to these types of cases and the form would clarify this point in "Reason for Rescheduling." Specifically, item 7c would provide:

The hearing needs to be rescheduled because:  $[\P] \dots [\P]$  as the responding party to a request for temporary emergency (ex parte) orders for property restraint, I am entitled as a matter of course to have the court reschedule the hearing one time for a reasonable period to respond to the request. (*This reason is only available if you checked item 5b above.*)

The form would also specify that if the court grants the request to reschedule the hearing, the expiration date of the emergency orders would be extended to the end of the new hearing. Having this separate form would eliminate confusion for parties whose case does not involve emergency orders.

### Agreement and Order to Reschedule Hearing (form FL-308)

This proposed optional form would provide parties with a form to serve as their stipulation if the court does not provide a local form for agreements. As with *Order on Request to Reschedule Hearing* (form FL-309), the court order section of form FL-308 would include a space for the court to order the parties to attend child custody mediation or recommending counseling. It would be limited to cases in which a party is only seeking to reschedule the hearing to a new date or, if applicable, extend the expiration date of a temporary emergency (ex parte) order. Parties who want to agree to reschedule the hearing as well as modify temporary emergency (ex parte) orders would be required to draft their own agreement for the court to sign.

#### Responsive Declaration to Request to Reschedule Hearing (form FL-310)

This proposed optional form would help implement the new procedures specified in rule 5.95 and the information sheet. Including this form in the proposal would likely encourage the other party to file and serve a response, thereby providing information for the judicial officer to consider before making an order on the request to reschedule the hearing.

#### **Alternatives Considered**

#### Timing of proposal

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee considered whether to circulate the proposal in the winter 2018 comment cycle or the spring 2019 cycle. The committee decided not to circulate a proposal in the previous cycle to allow time for committee members to undertake a comprehensive review of rule 5.94 and its associated forms before responding to the concerns

raised by court professionals following the September 1, 2017, publication of the amended rule and revised forms.

The committee also considered proposing interim technical changes to the forms used to continue a hearing in family court. The committee did not pursue this option, as this would have required courts to incur additional costs to produce copies over three consecutive forms publication cycles. Instead, the committee directed staff to provide technical assistance to the courts about form FL-306 and concurrently work with committee members to draft a proposal to circulate for comment in a future cycle.

#### Comments requested about proposed rule 5.95(a)

With respect to subdivision (a) of rule 5.95, the committee seeks specific comment about the opening paragraph, and whether reference should be made about deadlines for serving the RFO.

The committee considered the two options shown in the rule below:

#### (a) Reschedule a hearing because the other party was not served

If a *Request for Order* (form FL-300) (with or without temporary emergency (ex parte) orders), order to show cause, or other moving paper is not served on the other party and the requesting party still wishes to proceed with the hearing,

[Option 1] the party must ask the court to reschedule the hearing date.

[Option 2] the party must ask the court to reschedule the hearing date by the deadline described in rule 5.92 or as ordered by the court.

Although option 2 is included in the proposed rule, the committee considered this a close call and requests that commenters specifically weigh in on which option they think best. The committee was not certain if referencing deadlines in other rules of court would provide clarity or cause confusion for parties and attorneys who wish to request that the court reschedule a request for order.

#### Comments requested about proposed rule 5.95(c)

As previously noted, existing rule 5.94(f)(5)(A)(i) provides that the party asking for the continuance should submit *Request to Continue Hearing* (form FL-306) to the court no later than five court days before the hearing date set on the RFO, order to show cause, or other moving papers. The committee seeks input from the courts about including this provision in rule 5.95 subdivision (c). Although the rule includes this proposed language, this was a close call for the committee. There are no statutes in the Family Code that specify or suggest a deadline for submitting a request to reschedule a regular hearing; however, Family Code section 211 does allow the Judicial Council to provide by rule for the practice and procedure in proceedings under the Family Code.<sup>2</sup> The committee would like to know if it has been helpful for the rule to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Family Code section 211 provides: Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Judicial Council may provide by rule for the practice and procedure in proceedings under this code.

provide a suggestion or best practice with regard to a deadline for submitting a written request to reschedule a hearing.

#### Comments requested about item 10 in forms FL-306 and FL-307

As previously noted, the committee seeks comment about whether proposed rule 5.95 should continue to include a provision that the party submit the request and other documents to the court no later than five days before the hearing date on the RFO. This provision would also be included in forms FL-306 and FL-307. For the same reasons previously noted, the committee seeks input about whether the forms should include this language.

#### **Fiscal and Operational Impacts**

The committee anticipates that this proposal will result in some costs incurred by the courts to revise forms and add them to the case management system, train court staff about the new and amended rules and the new and revised forms included in this proposal, and possibly revise local court rules and forms so they are consistent with the changes adopted by the Judicial Council. However, the committee expects that the changes will save resources for the courts in the long term by clarifying procedures.

# **Request for Specific Comments**

In addition to comments on the proposal as a whole, the advisory committee is interested in comments on the following:

- Does the proposal appropriately address the stated purpose?
- Are other changes to the rules and forms needed for the proposal to address the stated purpose?
- Specific comments about rule 5.95
  - a. *Rule 5.95(a)*. Please indicate if opening paragraph of rule 5.95(a) should end with the language in Option 1 or Option 2 (below). Please explain your answer.

Rule 5.95(a) would provide: If a Request for Order (form FL-300) (with or without temporary emergency (ex parte) orders, order to show cause, or other moving paper is not served on the other party and the requesting party still wishes to proceed with the hearing,...

[Option 1] the party must ask the court reschedule the hearing date.

[*Option 2*] the party must ask the court to reschedule the hearing date by the deadline described in rule 5.92 or as ordered by the court.

b. *Rule* 5.95(c)(1)(A)(iv). Should the rule maintain the language that is in the current rule at 5.94(f)(5)(A)(i)? Has it been helpful for the rule to provide a suggestion or best practice with regard to a deadline for submitting a written request to reschedule a hearing?

Rule 5.95(c)(1)(A)(iv) would provide: The party should submit the forms in (iii) to the court no later than five court days before the hearing date set on the request for order, order to show cause, or other moving paper.

### • Specific comments about forms

a. *Form FL-306*. Should item 10 on the form be included to specify that the party should submit the documents in item 9 to the court no later than five court days before the hearing date set on the request for order, order to show cause, or other moving paper? Please explain your answer.

b. *Form FL-306/FL-307/FL-308-INFO*. Should this form include the current requirements for submitting the request to reschedule no later than five court days before the hearing date set on the request for order, order to show cause, or other moving paper? Please explain your answer.

c. *Form FL-307*. Should item 10 on this form be included to specify that the party should submit the documents in item 9 to the court no later than five court days before the hearing date set on the request for order, order to show cause, or other moving paper? Please explain your answer.

The advisory committee [or other proponent] also seeks comments from *courts* on the following cost and implementation matters:

- Would the proposal provide cost savings? If so please quantify.
- What would the implementation requirements be for courts? For example, training staff (please identify position and expected hours of training), revising processes and procedures (please describe), changing docket codes in case management systems, or modifying case management systems.
- Would 3 months from Judicial Council approval of this proposal until its effective date provide sufficient time for implementation?
- How well would this proposal work in courts of different sizes?

### Attachments and Links

- 1. Rules 5.2, 5.94, 5.95, 5.151, 5.155, at pages 11–19
- Forms FL-303, FL-306, FL-306/FL-307/FL-308-INFO, FL-307, FL-308, FL-309, FL-310, at pages 20–33
- 3. Attachment A: Procedural flow charts

Rule 5.95 of the California Rules of Court would be adopted and rules 5.2, 5.94, 5.151, and 5.165 would be amended, effective January 1, 2020, to read:

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<b>(a</b> )	)	* * *	
<b>(b</b> )	)	Defir	nitions and use of terms
		As us	sed in this division, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires, the
			wing definitions apply:
		(1)–(	10) * * *
		(1.1)	
		(11)	"Reschedule the hearing" means the same as "continue the hearing" under the
			Family Code.
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		hear	<del>ing</del> <u>failure to serve request for order</u>
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(e)		Failu	re to <del>timely</del> serve request for order
		The <i>I</i>	Request for Order (form FL-300) or other moving papers such as an order to
			cause, along with any temporary emergency (ex parte) orders, will expire on
		the da	ate and time of the scheduled hearing if the requesting party fails to:
		(1)	Have the other party timely served before the hearing with the <i>Request for</i>
		(1)	Order (form FL-300) or other moving papers, such as an order to show
			cause; supporting documents; and any temporary emergency (ex parte)
			orders; or
		(2)	Obtain a court order to continue reschedule the hearing.
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( <b>f</b> )		Proc	edures to request continued hearing date
		(1)	If a Request for Order (form FL-300), order to show cause, or other moving
		(1)	paper is not timely served on the other party before the date of the hearing,
			and the party requesting the order wishes to proceed with the request, he or
			she must ask the court to continue the hearing date.

1 2	<del>(2)</del>	On a showing of good cause or on its own motion, the court may:
3		(A) Continue the hearing and set a new date; and
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5		(B) Modify or terminate any temporary emergency (ex parte) orders
6		initially granted with the Request for Order, order to show cause, or
7		other moving paper.
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9	<del>(3)</del>	If the court grants a continuance and makes no change to the temporary
10		emergency (ex parte) orders, those orders are extended until the time of the
11		continued hearing or to another date specified by the court.
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13	<del>(4)</del>	The party served with a Request for Order (form FL-300), order to show
14		cause, or other moving paper that includes temporary emergency (ex parte)
15		orders:
16		
17		(A) Is entitled to one continuance as a matter of course for a reasonable
18		period of time to respond. A second or subsequent request by the
19 20		responding party to continue the hearing must be supported by facts
20		showing good cause for the continuance;
21		(D) Mars all the court to continue the basis is because D (1) Continue Continue D
22		(B) May ask the court to continue the hearing by using <i>Request to Continue</i>
23 24		Hearing (form FL-306); and
24 25		(C) Must file and serve a <i>Responsive Declaration to Request for Order</i>
23 26		(C) Must file and serve a <i>Responsive Declaration to Request for Order</i> (form FL-320) before the date of the new hearing, as required by law or
20 27		described in Order on Request to Continue Hearing (form FL-307).
27		desended in Order on Request to Commue Hearing (form 1 E-507).
20 29	<del>(5)</del>	The following procedures apply to either party's request to continue the
30	(3)	hearing:
31		incaring.
32		(A) The party asking for the continuance must complete and submit an
33		original <i>Request to Continue Hearing</i> (form FL-306) with two copies
34		for the court to review, as follows:
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36		(i) The form should be submitted to the court no later than five court
37		days before the hearing date set on the <i>Request for Order</i> , order
38		to show cause, or other moving papers.
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40		(ii) The party may present the form to the court on the date of the
41		hearing.
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1		(iii) The party who, on the date of the hearing, makes an oral request
2		to the court to continue the hearing, is not required to complete
3		form FL-306, but must complete and submit an Order on Request
4		to Continue Hearing (form FL-307) if the court grants the
5		request.
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7	<del>(B)</del>	Along with form FL-306, the party asking for the continuance must
8		submit to the court an Order on Request to Continue Hearing (form
9		FL-307) with the caption and initial items completed as described on
10		the form.
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12	<del>(C)</del>	After the court signs and files form FL-307, a filed copy must be served
13		on the other party as follows, unless the court orders otherwise:
14		
15		(i) If the continuance is granted, an Order on Request to Continue
16		Hearing (form FL-307) must be attached as the cover page and
17		served, along with the Request for Order (form FL-300) or other
18		moving papers such as an order to show cause and any temporary
19		emergency (ex parte) orders and supporting documents.
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21		(ii) If the court grants the responding party's request for a
22		continuance, and the party who asked for the order was absent
23		when the continuance was granted, then an Order on Request to
24		Continue Hearing (form FL-307) must be attached as the cover
25		page to any documents the court orders served on that party.
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27		(iii) Service must be in the manner required by rule 5.92 or as ordered
28		by the court.
29		
30	<del>(D)</del>	If the Order on Request to Continue Hearing (form FL-307), Request
31		for Order (FL-300) or order to show cause, original or modified
32		temporary emergency (ex parte) order, and supporting documents are
33		not timely served on the other party, and the requesting party wishes to
34		proceed with the hearing, he or she must repeat the procedures in this
35		rule unless the opposing party agrees to waive notice and proceed with
36		the hearing.
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3 4	<u>(a)</u>	Reschedule a hearing because the other party was not served							
4 5		Ifal	If a <i>Request for Order</i> (form FL-300) (with or without temporary emergency (ex						
6			parte) orders), order to show cause, or other moving paper is not served on the						
7		-	other party and the requesting party still wishes to proceed with the hearing,						
8			the party must ask the court to reschedule the hearing date by the deadline						
9		-	described in rule 5.92 or as ordered by the court.						
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11		(1)	To re	equest	that the court reschedule the hearing to serve papers on the other				
12				-	arty must take one of the following actions:				
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14			<u>(A)</u>	<u>Befor</u>	e the date of the hearing				
15									
16				<u>(i)</u>	The party must complete and file with the court a written				
17					request and a proposed order. The following forms may be				
18					used for this purpose: Request to Reschedule Hearing (form				
19					FL-306) or Request to Reschedule Hearing Involving				
20					<u>Temporary Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders (form FL-307),</u>				
21					whichever form is appropriate for the case, and Order on				
22					<u>Request to Reschedule Hearing (form FL-309); or</u>				
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24				<u>(ii)</u>	The party should submit the request to the court no later than				
25					five days before the hearing set on the request for order, order				
26					to show cause, or other moving papers.				
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28			<u>(B)</u>	<u>On th</u>	e date of the hearing				
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30 31					ar and orally ask the court to reschedule the hearing. The party is equired to file a written request but must complete and submit a				
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33					EL-309) may be used for this purpose.				
34				<u>(10111</u>	<u>TL-507) may be used for this purpose.</u>				
35		(2)	The	court n	nay do any of the following:				
36		<u>(2)</u>	<u>-1 IIC (</u>	court n	lay do any of the following.				
37			(A)	Grant	or deny the request to reschedule the hearing.				
38			<u>(/</u>	<u></u>	<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>				
39			<u>(B)</u>	Deleg	ate to the court clerk the authority to reschedule the hearing if:				
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41				<u>(i)</u>	The request to reschedule the hearing is required to allow more				
42					time to serve the other party with notice of the hearing; and				
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1 2 3 4				(ii) The party asking to reschedule the hearing does not request a change to the temporary emergency (ex parte) orders issued with the <i>Request for Order</i> (form FL-300).	
5		<u>(3)</u>	<u>If the</u>	e court reschedules the hearing:	
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7 8			<u>(A)</u>	If applicable, on a showing of good cause, the court may modify or	
o 9				terminate any temporary emergency (ex parte) orders initially granted with the request for order, order to show cause, or other moving paper.	
10				with the request for order, order to show eduse, or other moving paper.	
11			<u>(B)</u>	The order (for example, Order on Request to Reschedule Hearing	
12				(form FL-309)) must be served on the other party in the case, along	
13				with the Request for Order (form FL-300) or other moving papers such	
14				as an order to show cause, any temporary emergency (ex parte) orders,	
15				and supporting documents.	
16			$\langle \mathbf{C} \rangle$		
17 18			<u>(C)</u>	If the other party has not been served with the papers in (B) after the	
18 19				<u>court granted the request to reschedule, the party must repeat the</u> procedures in this rule, unless the court orders otherwise.	
20				procedures in this rule, diffess the court orders otherwise.	
21	<b>(b)</b>	Wri	tten ag	greements (stipulations) to reschedule a hearing	
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23		The	court 1	may order that the hearing date of a Request for Order (FL-300), order to	
24		show			
				e, or other moving paper be rescheduled based on a written agreement	
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2		orde	order or other moving papers						
3		<b>T</b> 1	The proceedures in this section apply when a Request for Order (form EL 200) was						
4		-	<u>The procedures in this section apply when a <i>Request for Order</i> (form FL-300) was served on the other party as described in rule 5.92 or as ordered by the court and</u>						
5			either party seeks to reschedule the hearing date, and the parties are not able to						
6			ach an agreement about rescheduling the hearing.						
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9 10		<u>(1)</u>		-	that the hearing be rescheduled, either party must submit a written				
10 11			request to reschedule before the hearing as described below in (A) or appear						
11			-		the date of the hearing and orally ask the court to reschedule, as				
12			<u>uesc</u>		below in (B):				
13 14			$(\Lambda)$	Pafa	re the date of the hearing				
14			<u>(A)</u>	<u> Dej0</u>	re me date of me nearing				
16				<u>(i)</u>	The party wishing to reschedule the hearing must complete a				
17					written request and a proposed order. The following forms may				
18					be used for this purpose: Request to Reschedule Hearing (form				
19					FL-306) or Request to Reschedule Hearing Involving Temporary				
20					Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders (form FL-307), whichever form is				
21					appropriate for the case, and Order on Request to Reschedule				
22					Hearing (form FL-309).				
23									
24				<u>(ii)</u>	The party must first notify and serve the other party. Notice and				
25					service to the other party of the documents in (A) must be				
26					completed as required by rules 5.151 through 5.169.				
27									
28				<u>(iii)</u>	The party must file or submit to the court the forms in (i), along				
29					with a declaration describing how the other party was notified of				
30					the request to reschedule and served the documents. Declaration				
31					Regarding Notice and Service of Request for Temporary				
32					Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders (form FL-303), a local form, or a				
33					declaration that contains the same information as form FL-303				
34					may be used for this purpose.				
35									
36				<u>(iv)</u>	The party should submit the forms in (iii) to the court no later				
37					than five court days before the hearing date set on the request for				
38					order, order to show cause, or other moving papers.				
39 40									
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41				<u>(v)</u>	The party responding to a written request to reschedule may file				
42					and serve a responsive declaration to the request to reschedule				
43					before the court considers the written request. Responsive				

1 2 3				<u>Declaration to Request to Reschedule Hearing (form FL-310)</u> may be used for this purpose.
3 4 5			<u>(B)</u>	On the date of the hearing
6 7 8 9 10				The party wishing to reschedule the hearing may appear in court and orally ask to reschedule the hearing. The party is not required to file a written request but must complete and submit a proposed order to the court. Order on Request to Reschedule Hearing (form FL-309) may be used for this purpose.
11 12		<u>(2)</u>	The	court may do any of the following:
13 14 15			<u>(A)</u>	Grant the request to reschedule the hearing on a showing of good cause or as required by law.
16 17			<u>(B)</u>	Deny the request to reschedule absent a showing of good cause.
18 19 20 21			<u>(C)</u>	Modify or terminate any temporary emergency (ex parte) orders initially granted with the request for order, order to show cause, or other moving paper.
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22 23 24	<u>(d)</u>			e a hearing to attend mediation or child custody recommending
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1	Rule	e 5.151. Request for temporary emergency (ex parte) orders; application;					
2		required documents					
3							
4	(a)	* * *					
5							
6	<b>(b)</b>	Purpose					
7	()						
8		The purpose of a request for emergency orders is to address matters that cannot be					
9		heard on the court's regular hearing calendar. In this type of proceeding, notice to					
10							
		the other party is shorter than in other proceedings. Notice to the other party can					
11		also be waived under exceptional and other circumstances as provided in these					
12		rules. The process is used to request that the court:					
13							
14		(1)-(2) * * *					
15							
16		(3) Make orders about procedural matters, including the following:					
17							
18		(A) Setting a date for a hearing on the matter that is sooner than that of a					
19		regular hearing (granting an order shortening time for hearing);					
20							
21		(B) Shortening or extending the time required for the moving party to serve					
22		the other party with the notice of the hearing and supporting papers					
23		(grant an order shortening time for service); and					
24							
25		(C) Continuing <u>Rescheduling</u> a hearing or trial.					
26							
27	(c)	Required documents					
28		•					
29		(1) Request for order					
30							
31		A request for emergency orders must be in writing and must include all of the					
32		following completed documents:					
33		Tonowing completed documents.					
34		(1)(A) Request for Order (form FL-300) that identifies the relief					
35		requested.					
36		Tequested.					
		$(2)(\mathbf{P})$ When relevant to the relief requested a surrant $\mathbf{h}$ same and					
37		$\frac{(2)(B)}{E}$ When relevant to the relief requested, a current <i>Income and</i>					
38		Expense Declaration (form FL-150) or Financial Statement					
39 40		(Simplified) (form FL-155) and Property Declaration (form FL-160).					
40							
41		(3)(C) <i>Temporary Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders</i> (form FL-305) to serve					
42		as the proposed temporary order.					
43							

1			(4)(D) A written declaration regarding notice of application for
2			emergency orders based on personal knowledge. Declaration
3			Regarding Notice and Service of Request for Temporary Emergency
4			(Ex Parte) Orders (form FL-303), a local court form, or a declaration
5			that contains the same information as form FL-303 may be used for this
6			purpose.
7			
8			(5)(E) A memorandum of points and authorities only if required by the
9			court.
10			
11		<u>(2)</u>	<u>Request to reschedule hearing</u>
12			
13			A request to reschedule a hearing must comply with the requirements of rule
14			<u>5.95.</u>
15			
16	(d)-(	(e)	* * *
17			
18	Rule	5.165	. Requirements for notice
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20	<b>(a)</b>	Meth	od of notice
21			
22		Notic	e of appearance at a hearing to request emergency orders may be given
23		perso	nally, by telephone, in writing, voicemail, fax transmission, electronic means,
24		or ov	ernight mail or other overnight carrier.
25			
26		(b)–(	c) * * *

#### FL-303

PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEY STATE BAR NUMBER: NAME:	FOR COURT USE ONLY
FIRM NAME:	
STREET ADDRESS:	
CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:	
TELEPHONE NO.: FAX NO.:	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	Draft not approved
ATTORNEY FOR (name):	Draft not approved
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF	by the
STREET ADDRESS:	Judicial Council
MAILING ADDRESS:	2/20/2019
CITY AND ZIP CODE:	
BRANCH NAME:	
PETITIONER:	
RESPONDENT:	
OTHER PARENT/PARTY:	
DECLARATION REGARDING NOTICE AND SERVICE OF REQUEST	CASE NUMBER:
FOR TEMPORARAY EMERGENCY (EX PARTE) ORDERS	
<b>NOTICE:</b> Do not use this form to ask for domestic violence restraining orders. Before con procedures for requesting temporary emergency orders and obtaining the information ne Courts may grant temporary emergency orders with or without an emergency hearing. Fi	eded to complete item 2 of this form.
1. I am (specify) attorney for petitioner respondent othe	er parent/party
not a party in the case (name and title/relationship to party):	er parent/party
2. I did did not give notice that <i>(complete a and b):</i>	
a there will be an emergency court hearing papers will be submitted	to the court
b. On the request for temporary emergency (ex parte) orders to re	schedule a hearing
to reschedule a hearing involving temporary emergency (ex	x parte) orders.
on the date, time, and location indicated below:	
Date: Time: Dept.:	Room:
Address of court: same as noted above other (specify):	
3. NOTICE (If you gave notice, complete item 3a. If you did not give notice, complete item	n 3b or 3c.)
a. I gave notice as described in items (1) through (5) below:	
(1) I gave notice to <i>(select all that apply)</i>	
petitioner. petitioner's attorney.	
respondent. respondent's attorney.	
other parent/party other parent's/party's attorney.	
child's attorney. Other ( <i>specify</i> ):	
(2) I gave notice on <i>(date):</i> at a.m.	p.m. as follows:
personally at <i>(location):</i>	,California
by telephone telephone no.:	
by fax fax no.:	
by voicemail voicemail no.:	
By electronic service (if permited) (specify electronic service address of permited)	person):
by overnight mail or other overnight carrier.	
(3) I gave notice (select one):	
by 10 a.m. the court day before this emergency hearing.	
	a following avaantianal airgumatanaaa
after 10 a.m. the court day before this emergency hearing because of th (specify):	e ionowing exceptional circumstances

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PETITIONER: RESPONDENT: OTHER PARENT/PARTY:	CASE NUMBER:
(4) I notified the person in 3a(1) that the following temporary emerge	ency orders are being requested <i>(specify):</i>
(5) The person in 3a(1) responded as follows:	Attachment 3a(5)
(6) I do do not believe that the person in 3a(1) will c	oppose the request for temporary emergency orders.
<ul> <li>b. Request for waiver of notice. Due to exceptional circumstance emergency orders. I ask that the court waive notice to the other (1) immediate danger or irreparable harm to myself (or my clic (2) an immediate risk that the children in the case will be reme (3) immediate loss or damage to property subject to disposition (4) Other exceptional circumstances (specify):</li> </ul>	r party to help prevent <i>(specify):</i> ent) or to the children in the case. oved from the state of California.
Facts showing exceptional circumstances in support of the request to	waive notice include <i>(specify):</i> Attachment 3b
c. <b>Unable to provide notice.</b> I did not give notice about the reque to tell the opposing party when and where this hearing would ta inform the other person were <i>(specify below):</i>	
<ul> <li>a. The following documents were served on the other party or parties in</li> <li>(1) A copy of <i>Request for Order</i> (form FL-300) for temporary e</li> <li>Orders (form FL-305).</li> </ul>	.,
(2) A copy of request to reschedule hearing and order on request used for the request and order.	lest to reschedule hearing. Forms FL-306 and FL-309 may
<ul> <li>(3) A copy of request to reschedule hearing involving tempora reschedule hearing. Forms FL-307 and FL-309 may be use</li> </ul>	
(4) Other (specify):	
	er parent/party Other parent's/party's attorney d's attorney Other ( <i>specify</i> ):
b. Service information:     Date (specify):     at	a.m p.m. as follows: ,California
<ul> <li>by fax on fax no.:</li> <li>by overnight mail or other overnight carrier.</li> </ul>	
by electronic service <i>(if permitted)</i> (specify electronic service ac	Idress of person served):

by electronic service (if permit	tted) (specity electronic service	e address of person served):	

c.	Documents	were not served of	on the opposing party	due to the exceptional	circumstances specified in
	3b, above	3c, above	Attachment 4c.		

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	
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DECLARATION REGARDING NOTICE AND SERVICE OF REQUEST FOR TEMPORARAY EMERGENCY (EX PARTE) ORDERS

(SIGNATURE)

					FL-306
PARTY WITHOUT ATT NAME:	FORNEY OR ATTORNEY	STATE BAR NUMBER:		FOR COURT USE ONLY	
FIRM NAME:					
STREET ADDRESS:					
CITY:		STATE: ZIP CODE:			
TELEPHONE NO .:		FAX NO.:			
E-MAIL ADDRESS:				DRAFT	
ATTORNEY FOR (nam	ne):			Not approved k	<u>بر</u>
	RT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY O	F			-
STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS:				the Judicial Co	uncii
CITY AND ZIP CODE:				1 01 0010	
BRANCH NAME:				4-01-2019	
PETITIO	NER/PLAINTIFF:				
	NT/DEFENDANT:				
OTHER	PARENT/PARTY:				
				CASE NUMBER:	
	REQUEST TO RESCI	IEDULE HEARING		CASE NUMBER.	
Notice: Rea	ad How to Reschedule a Heari	ng in Family Court (form Fl	L-306/FL-307/FL-3	308-INFO) before you complete	this form.
	Notice: Do not use this form to For more information, read fo				
CASE INFORM	ATION				
1. Name of per	son asking to reschedule the h	earing (specify):			
	m the party who filed the <i>Requ</i>		Show Couse in iter	m 2	
	im the party who is responding				
2. I ask that the	e court reschedule (continue) th	he hearing date for the <i>(sel</i>	lect one)		
a. 🔝 <i>R</i> e	equest for Order.				
b. OI	rder to Show Cause for	Contempt Seek W	/ork.		
c. 🗌 Ot	her (specify):				
	2 was filed on <i>(date):</i>				
	is currently set for (date):				
-	d not issue temporary emergen	cv (ex parte) orders with th	ne item in 2		
	a not issue temporary emergen				
REQUEST		<b>6</b>			
<u> </u>	at the hearing be rescheduled a	S TOIIOWS:			
a. 🔄 Aft	er (specify date):				
b. 🔛 Dat	tes I am not available <i>(specify I</i>	below):			
c. 🔛 Oth	ner <i>(specify):</i>				
	RESCHEDULING				
	needs to be rescheduled beca	use (select all that annly):			
-					
	e papers were not served befor	-			
b. 🔄 the	e parties need to attend child c	ustody mediation or child c	sustody recommer	nding counseling before the hea	ring.
c. 🔄 oth	er good cause as stated	below on Att	tachment 7(c)		

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Cal. Rules of Court, rule 5.94 www.courts.ca.gov

#### SPECIAL PROCEDURES MAY APPLY

The procedures in items 8 and 9 apply only if the documents in item 2 were served on the parties.

- 8. Unless the court determines that there are exceptional circumstances, the other parties must first be:
  - a. Notified that you are going to ask the court to reschedule the hearing; and
  - b. Served with copies of the request to reschedule at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9. You must then submit to the court a proof of the notice and service in items 8a and 8b, along with the request to reschedule. You may use *Declaration Regarding Notice and Service of Temporary Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders* (form FL-303) to comply with the proof of notice and service.
- 10. You should submit the documents in item 9 to the court no later than five court days before the hearing date set on the request for order, order to show cause, or other moving paper.

#### PROPOSED ORDER REQUIRED

11. I have submitted a proposed order on request to reschedule hearing. (Order on Request to Reschedule Hearing (form FL-309) may be used for this purpose.)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

SIGNATURE

**REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE HEARING** 

# FL-306/FL-307/FL-308-INFO How to Reschedule a Hearing in Family Court

## 1) General Information

This form provides information about how to obtain a court order to reschedule a hearing in family court. This information sheet may not cover everything you need to know about rescheduling a hearing in your court. To learn more:

- Find a lawyer through your local bar association, the State Bar of California at calbar. ca.gov, or the Lawyer Referral Service at 1-866-442-2529. For free and low-cost legal help (if you qualify), go to www.lawhelpca.org.
- Contact the family law facilitator or self-help center for information and assistance, and referrals to local legal services providers. Go to www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-courtresources.htm.
- Read California Rules of Court, rules 5.92 through 5.95 for the procedures to reschedule a hearing.
- Read rules of court, rules 5.151 to 5.169 for the procedures to notify and serve the other party with a Request to Reschedule.

You can get find these rules at any courthouse or county law library or online at <u>www.courts.ca.gov</u> /rules.

#### Written agreement (stipulation) to (2) reschedule a hearing

The judge in your family court case may order that the hearing date be rescheduled based on an agreement (stipulation) between the parties or their attorneys.

You may use Agreement and Order to Reschedule Hearing (form FL-308) if you do not want to change temporary emergency orders. You may use a local form approved by the court, or write your own agreement.

You must follow your court's local procedures to obtain the new hearing date from the court clerk.

Important! If the court has issued temporary emergency orders and those orders are in effect, the parties could further agree that those emergency orders will remain in effect until the end of the new hearing. A draft of a new temporary order with new end dates may have to be given to the court for the judge to sign with your agreement.

When the parties have signed the agreement, you can present it to the court on the day of the hearing, but it is best if you can file it at least five days before that date, so the judge doesn't have to read your file multiple times.

Some courts may limit the number of times the parties can agree to rescheduling a hearing. Check your local court rules before submitting your written agreement.

For information about how to write up your agreement, get it approved by the court, and filed in your case, see www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp-agreeFL, speak with an attorney, or get help at your court's selfhelp center or Office of the Family Law Facilitator.

If you and the other party do not have an agreement, the party who wants to reschedule the hearing must file papers to ask for a court order, such as form FL-306 or form FL-307.

## (3) When to use *Request to Reschedule* Hearing (form FL-306)

You may use this form to ask to reschedule the hearing if the request for order or order to show cause you want to reschedule:

- Does *not* include temporary emergency (ex parte) orders;
- Was not served on the other parties; or
- Was served on the other parties and there is a good reason why the hearing should be changed to a new date. See (**6**) for other requirements.

Form FL-306 may also be used to reschedule a hearing to be able to meet with a child custody mediator or recommending counselor before the hearing.

If this situation applies to you, ask your mediator or child custody recommending counselor for information. Most courts have local procedures and forms for rescheduling a hearing but will accept form FL-306 or your agreement to reschedule the hearing.

Do not use form FL-306 to ask to change the date of a domestic violence restraining order hearing. For more information, read How to Ask for a New Hearing Date (form DV-115-INFO).

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# FL-306/FL-307/FL-308-INFO How to Reschedule a Hearing in Family Court

#### When to use *Request to Reschedule Hearing Involving Temporary Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders* (form FL-307)

You may use form FL-307 to ask to reschedule the hearing if the request for order or order to show cause you want to reschedule:

- Includes temporary emergency (ex parte) orders.
- Was not served on the other parties.
- Was served on the other parties and there is a good reason why the hearing should be changed to a new date. See 6 for other requirements.

Form FL-307 may also be used to reschedule a hearing to be able to meet with a child custody mediator or recommending counselor before the hearing.

If this situation applies to you, ask your mediator or child custody recommending counselor for

information Most courts have local procedures and forms for recheduling, but will accept form FL-307 or your agreement to reschedule the hearing.

Do not use form FL-307 to ask to change the date of a domestic violence restraining order hearing. For more information, read *How to Ask for a New Hearing Date* (form <u>DV-115-INFO)</u>.

## 5 What if I need to reschedule a hearing because the Request for Order or Order to Show Cause was not served on the other party?

Before the date of the hearing, complete and file with the court a written request to reschedule the hearing and a proposed order.

Another option is to appear in court on the date of the hearing and ask the court to reschedule the hearing. In this case, the party is not required to file a written request but must complete and submit a proposed order to the court. *Order on Request to Reschedule Hearing* (form FL-309) may be used for this purpose. 6 What if I need to reschedule the hearing for a good reason and the other party was already served with the Request for Order or Order to Show Cause?

*Complete a written request and a proposed order.* You may use form FL-306 or FL-307, whichever form applies to your case, and *Order on Request for Hearing* (form FL-309).

 Follow your court's local rules to obtain a date for the court to consider your request to reschedule the hearing. Find your court's local rules online at <u>www.courts.ca.gov/3027.htm</u>. You will need to give this information to the other party.

*Important!* Some courts will set a court hearing for the judge to consider the request to reschedule. Other courts do not have a hearing, but will make an order based on the papers submitted to the court clerk. Before you complete any forms, it is important that you know how your court handles requests to reschedule a hearing.

• Notify and serve the other party.

The other party must be given notice of the request to reschedule the hearing and given a copy of the documents at the first reasonable opportunity before the court can consider the request. You may also include a blank *Responsive Declaration of Request to Reschedule Hearing* (form FL-310).

Submit the written request and order to the court.
 Important! When you submit the request and order you must also submit to the court proof that the party was notified and served with the documents. You may use Declaration Regarding Notice and Service of Request for Temporary Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders (form FL-303), a local court form, or a declaration that contains the same information as form FL-303.

• Follow your court's procedure for obtaining the court order on your written request.

#### Make an oral request on the date of hearing.

Another option is to appear in court on the date of the hearing and ask the court to reschedule the hearing. In this case, the party is not required to file a written request but must complete and submit a proposed order to the court. *Order on Request to Reschedule Hearing* (form FL-309) may be used for this purpose.

# What do I do after the court makes the order?

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You must have the other party served with the order and other documents. For example:

- Order to reschedule hearing (for example, form FL-309);
- A filed *Request for Order* (form FL-300) or other moving papers;
- Any temporary emergency (ex parte) orders; and
- Other papers that the court requires you to serve.

Prepare for your hearing. Find more information online at <u>www.courts.ca.gov/1094.htm.</u>

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	RTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEY	STATE BAR N	NUMBER:	FOR COURT USE ONLY
	ME: RM NAME:			
	REET ADDRESS:			
CI	TY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
TE	LEPHONE NO .:	FAX NO.:		
E-	MAIL ADDRESS:			DRAFT
A٦	TORNEY FOR ( <i>name</i> ):			Not approved by
S	JPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF			
	TREET ADDRESS:			the Judicial Council
G	TY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:			4/01/2019
	PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF:			
	RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT:			
	OTHER PARENT/PARTY:			
	REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE HEA EMERGENCY (EX			CASE NUMBER:
	Notice: Read How to Reschedule a Hearing	g in Family Co	ourt (form FL-306/FL-307/	FL-308-INFO) before you complete this form.
	Notice: Do not use this form to a For more information, read form			iolence restraining order hearing. / Hearing Date.
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١.	Name of person asking to reschedule the hea			
	a. I am the party who filed the <i>Reques</i>	st for Order or	r Order to Show Cause ir	n item 2.
	b. I am the party who is responding to	the Request	for Order or Order to Sho	ow Cause in item 2.
2.	I ask that the court reschedule (continue) the	hearing date	for the (select one)	
۷.	a. Request for Order.	nouring duto		
		ontempt	Seek Work.	
	c. Other (specify):			
3.	The item in 2 was filed on <i>(date):</i>			
4.	The hearing is currently set for (date):			
5.	The court issued temporary emergency (ex p	arte) orders w	vith item 2 relating to <i>(spe</i>	ecify):
	a. Child custody or visitation (parentin	g time).		
	b. Property restraint orders under Far	nily Code sec	tion 2045 or 4620.	
	c. Other (specify):	-		
	d. Notice: If the court grants the request (ex parte) orders will be extended to th			
	EQUEST			
6.	I request that the hearing be rescheduled as	follows:		
	a. After (specify date):			
	b. Dates I am not available (specify be	elow):		
		,		
	c. Other <i>(specify):</i>			

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PETITIONER:	CASE NUMBER:
RESPONDENT:	
OTHER PARENT/PARTY:	

#### REASON FOR RESCHEDULING

- 7. The hearing needs to be rescheduled because (select all that apply):
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ the papers were not served before the hearing date.
  - b. the parties need to attend child custody mediation or child custody recommending counseling before the hearing.
  - c. as the responding party to a request for temporary emergency (ex parte) orders for property restraint, I am entitled as a matter of course to have the court reschedule the hearing one time for a reasonable period to respond to the request. (*This reason is only available if you checked item 5b above.*)
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ other good cause as stated \_\_\_\_\_ below \_\_\_\_\_ in Attachment 7(d)

#### SPECIAL PROCEDURES MAY APPLY

The procedures in items 8 and 9 apply only if the documents in item 2 were served on the parties.

- 8. Unless the court determines that there are exceptional circumstances, the other parties must first be:
  - a. Notified that you are going to ask the court to reschedule the hearing; and
  - b. Served with copies of the request to reschedule at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9. You must then submit to the court a proof of the notice and service in 8a and 8b, along with the request to reschedule. You may use *Declaration Regarding Notice and Service of Temporary Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders* (form FL-303) to comply with the proof of notice and service.
- 10. You should submit the documents in item 9 to the court no later than five court days before the hearing date set on the request for order, order to show cause, or other moving paper.

#### PROPOSED ORDER REQUIRED

11. I have submitted a proposed order on request to reschedule hearing. (Note: Order on Request to Reschedule Hearing (form FL-309) may be used for this purpose.)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

SIGNATURE

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PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEY	STATE BAR NUMBER:		FOR COURT USE ONLY	
NAME: FIRM NAME:				
STREET ADDRESS:				
CITY:	STATE: ZIP COL	DE:		
TELEPHONE NO.:	FAX NO.:			
E-MAIL ADDRESS:			DRAFT	
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STREET ADDRESS:			the Judicial Co	ouncil
MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE:				ourion
BRANCH NAME:			2/20/2019	
PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF:				
RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT:				
OTHER PARENT/PARTY:				
			CASE NUMBER:	
AGREEMENT AND ORD	ER TO RESCHEDULE H	EARING		
The parties signing below agree to the follo	owing:			
1. The hearing currently scheduled for (da	-	will be resch	eduled (continued).	
2. The name of the party who filed the <i>Re</i>			, ,	
	-			
3. The agreement includes		- · ·	gency (ex parte) orders previo	busiy issued.
4. The rescheduled hearing date wi			y date):	
5. Each party declares under penalty of p	erjury under the laws of the	State of California th		
Date:			See attachment 5 for addition	nal signatures.
Date.				
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)		(S	IGNATURE OF PETITIONER)	
Date:				
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)		(SI	GNATURE OF RESPONDENT)	
Date:	×			
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(TYPE OR PRINT NAME) Date:		(SIGNAT	URE OF ATTORNET FOR FEITHONER)	
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)		(SIGNATU	JRE OF ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT)	
Date:				
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)		(SIGNA	TURE OF OTHER PARENT/PARTY)	
Date:				
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	(0)0)		(0050/5)()	
		ATURE OF ATTORNEY FOR		
THE COURT ORDERS	The court will complete the res			
6. The court hearing is rescheduled (cont	inued) to the date, time, and	location shown belo	DW:	
New Hearing Date:	Time:	Dept.:	Room:	
Address of court: Same as n	oted above 📃 Other (sp	pecify):		
The parties must attend an app		• ·	ending counseling as follows	
(specify date, time, and locatio				
7. Temporary emergency (ex parte) order	s (select a or b):			
a There are no temporary eme				
b. The temporary emergency (e		sued remain in effec	t until	
(1) the end of the new heari	. ,			
(2) ( <i>date</i> ):				
(2) ( <i>date):</i> Date:			JUDICIAL OFFICER	Page 1 of

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AGREEMENT AND ORDER TO RESCHEDULE HEARING (Family Law—Governmental—Uniform Parentage—Custody and Support)

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	ATTORNEY OR ATTORNEY	STATE BAR NUMB	ER:	FOR COURT USE ONLY	
NAME: FIRM NAME:					
STREET ADDRES	S:				
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP CODE:		
TELEPHONE NO.		FAX NO.:			
E-MAIL ADDRESS	i:			DRAFT	
ATTORNEY FOR	(name):				
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CITY AND ZIP CO BRANCH NA				2-20-2019	
	ONER/PLAINTIFF:				
	NT/DEFENDANT:				
OTHER	R PARENT/PARTY:				
	ORDER ON REQUES	T TO RESCHEDULE	HEARING	CASE NUMBER:	
Party must co	omplete items 1, 2, 3, and 4.				]
1. The hear	ing is currently scheduled fo	r (date):			
	party who filed the <i>Request</i>	. ,	Cause or other matter	r is (specify):	
	party asking to reschedule the	_ • • • •	,		
4. The requ	est includes	_ does not include te	emporary emergency (e	ex parte) orders previously issued.	
		The court will complete	e the rest of this form.		
6. 🔲 <b>Or</b>	est to reschedule the hearin der granting request to ourt hearing is rescheduled	reschedule hearing a	and notice of new he	elow on Attachment 5.	
Nev	v Hearing Date:	Time:	Dept.:	Room:	
Ad	dress of court: Same	as noted above	Other (specify):		
	The parties must attend a (specify date, time, and lo		ustody mediation or rec	commending counseling as follows:	
b (1) (2)	By granting the request, and the end of the new hea (date):		(ex parte) orders previo	usly issued remain in effect until	
7. Reason	for rescheduling				
	earing needs to be resched	uled because:			
u. men (1) [		rved before the current h	vearing date		
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(2)		ed to child custody recom		-	
(3)			chedule in a case involv	ving property restraint emergency order	S.
(4)	other good cause as st	ated below	on Attachment 7	a4.	
b	The court in its discretion fin	ds good cause and resc	hedules the hearing.		Page 1 of 2

PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF:	CASE NUMBER:
RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT:	
OTHER PARENT/PARTY:	
8. Temporary emergency (ex parte) orders	
a The temporary emergency (ex parte) orders are MODIFIED as of this date. The temporary emergency (ex parte) orders are MODIFIED as of this date.	he new orders are stated in the attached
(1) Request for Order (form FL-300)	
(2) Temporary Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders (form FL-305)	
(3) Order to Show Cause Contempt Seek Work C	Other (specify):
(4) other <i>(specify):</i>	
b. The temporary emergency (ex parte) orders are TERMINATED for the reasons in this section:	s stated on Attachment 8b
9. Service of order	
a. No further service is required. Both parties were present at the hearing when	the court made this order
<ul> <li>b. The documents listed in item 10 must be served by (date):</li> <li>(1) a stitute set/claintiff</li> </ul>	on <i>(specify)</i>
<ul> <li>(1) petitioner/plaintiff.</li> <li>(2) respondent/defendant.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>(2) respondent/defendant.</li> <li>(3) other parent/party.</li> </ul>	
(4) other <i>(specify):</i>	
<ul> <li>C. All documents must be served as follows:</li> <li>(1) Personally served</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>(1) Personally served</li> <li>(2) Served by mail</li> </ul>	
(3) Other (specify):	
d. Other orders regarding service <i>(specify):</i>	

#### 10. Documents for service

A filed copy of this order (form FL-309) must be served along with the following papers:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ a copy of the previously filed Request for Order, Order to Show Cause, or other moving paper
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ a copy of the extended or modified *Temporary Emergency (Ex Parte) Orders* (form FL-305).
- c. \_\_\_\_ other (specify):

11. A Responsive Declaration to Request for Order (form FL-320) must be filed and served on or before (da	ate):	;
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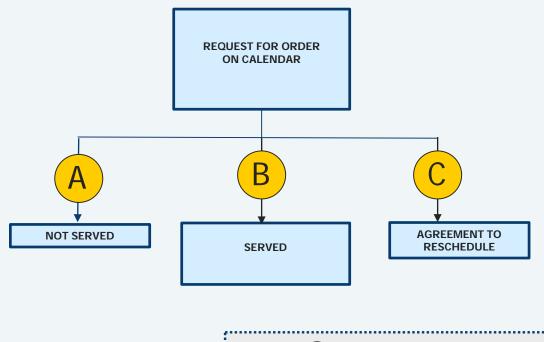
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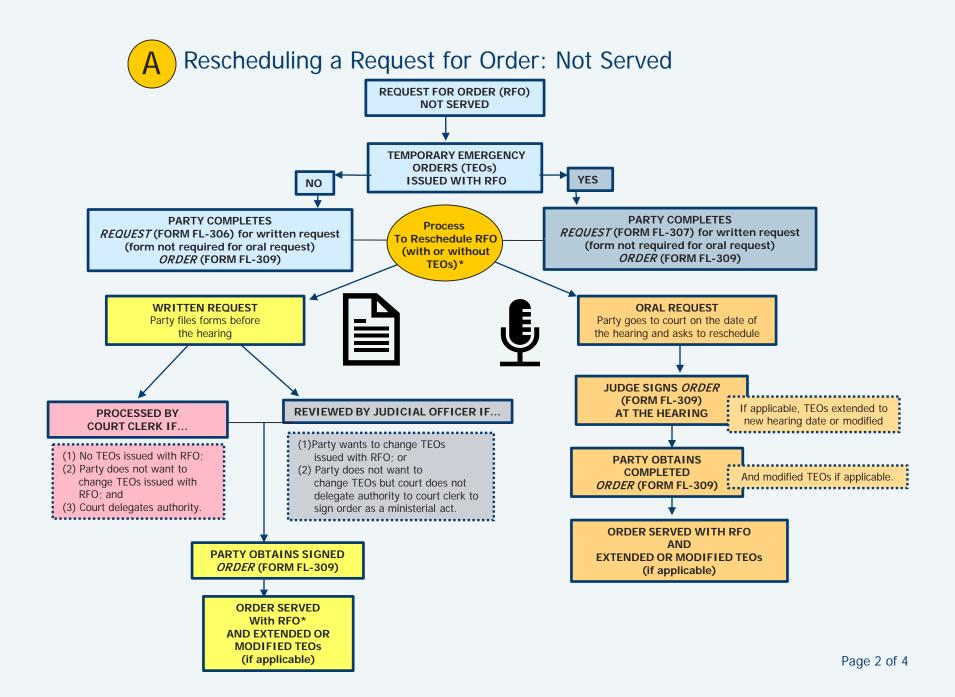
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TELEPHONE NO.:	FAX NO.:	
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ATTORNEY FOR (name):		— Not approved by
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PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF:		
RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT:		
OTHER PARENT/PARTY:		
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	E DECLARATION TO ESCHEDULE HEARING	
Notice: Read How to Reschedule a	Hearing in Family Court (form FL-306/FL-	-307/FL-308-INFO) before you complete this form.
INFORMATION ABOUT THE HEARING		
1. The person asking to reschedule the h	earing is <i>(name):</i>	
2. The hearing is currently set for (date):		
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		rary emergency (ex parte) orders previously issued.
RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO RESCHE	DULE HEARING	
4. I (select a or b):		
a consent to an order to resche	edule the hearing.	
request that the hearing date	-	
(.)		
(2) Dates I am not available	(specify below):	
(3) Other (specify):		
b. do not consent to an order to	reschedule the hearing for the following	reasons (specify):
		·····
		Attachment 4b
I declare under penalty of perjury under th	e laws of the State of California that the f	oregoing is true and correct.
Date:		
(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)	¥	SIGNATURE
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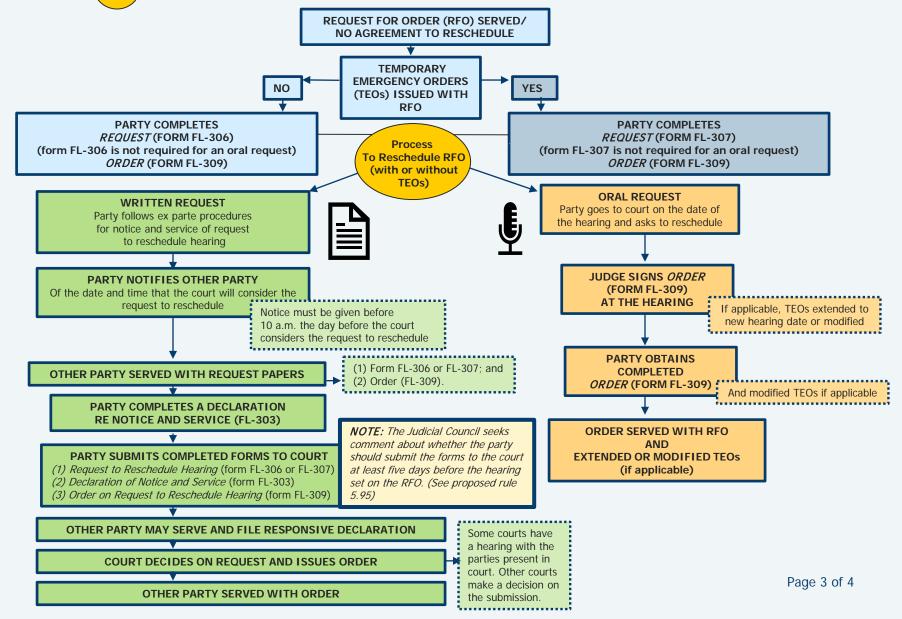
# Procedures to Ask the Court to Reschedule a Hearing **Overview**



The charts in (A) and (B) on pages 2 and 3 of this attachment show: (1) A party can ask to reschedule the hearing either *in writing* before the date of the hearing or *orally* on the date of the hearing. (2) If the request is made in writing before the hearing, the party may use form FL-306 or FL-307 depending on whether temporary emergency orders are involved. (3) The process for obtaining the order either in writing or orally. Page 1 of 4



# B Rescheduling a Request for Order: Served/No agreement



# C Rescheduling a Request for Order: Agreement

