

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF MARIN**

DATE: 02/19/25      TIME: 9:00 A.M.      DEPT: B      CASE NO: FL1500057

PRESIDING: HON. JANET L. FRANKEL

REPORTER:

CLERK: ALEX URTON

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PETITIONER: COUNTY OF MARIN

and

RESPONDENT: BRUCE SCOTT MUIR

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NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REVIEW HEARING – CHILD CUSTODY

RULING

Appearances required.

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DATE: 02/19/25      TIME: 9:00 A.M.      DEPT: B      CASE NO: FL1600980

PRESIDING: HON. JANET L. FRANKEL

REPORTER:

CLERK: ALEX URTON

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PETITIONER:      PATRICK F. WALLS

and

RESPONDENT:      VALERIE C. WALLS

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NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REQUEST FOR ORDER – OTHER: CHANGE OF VENUE

**RULING**

This matter comes before the court on Respondent/Mother's Request for Order (RFO) filed January 16, 2025, seeking change of venue. Mother seeks a transfer of jurisdiction from Marin County Superior Court to San Francisco.

Mother asserts that the minor child lives in San Francisco with Mother, has attended school in San Francisco since 2019, has lived in San Francisco for 14 of her 16 years, receives public benefits and health insurance from San Francisco County, and that there is an open DCSS (child support) action in San Francisco County.

Petitioner/Father argues that the court should deny Mother's request because she has not demonstrated how witnesses would be inconvenienced, or the ends of justice frustrated, absent a change of venue.

**FINDINGS AND ORDER**

Father continues to reside in Marin County, which has exercised jurisdiction over this matter since 2016. There is no trial pending and no evidence that the convenience of witnesses or the ends of justice would be promoted by a change of venue to San Francisco. (Code Civ. Proc. Section 397(c).) Mother's request is denied.

Counsel for Father is ordered to prepare the formal order after hearing.

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DATE: 02/19/25      TIME: 9:00 A.M.      DEPT: B      CASE NO: FL1804241

PRESIDING: HON. JANET L. FRANKEL

REPORTER:

CLERK: ALEX URTON

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PETITIONER:    KATIA ESCOBAR  
VALENZO

and

RESPONDENT:   IVAN IVANETS

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NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REVIEW HEARING – CHILD CUSTODY/VISITATION

**RULING**

This matter comes before the court for custody review, stemming from Petitioner/Mother's Request for Order (RFO), filed August 30, 2024.

The parties reached some agreements in October 2024 during their mediation with the Family Court Services' (FCS) child custody recommending counselor. The court adopted the parties' agreements and modified the timeshare on November 6, 2024, and re-referred the parties back to FCS for further child custody recommending counseling and set the matter for this review hearing.

FCS interviewed both parents and the minor child.

Based on the information before the court, it appears that the best interest of the minor child, Samantha Ivanets, born October 13, 2013, will be served by the court adopting the recommendations of Family Court Services (FCS), as set forth in its report issued on February 4, 2025, as modified by the court. The court will do so, and orders as follows:

1. All prior orders not in conflict with the below shall remain in full force and effect.
  2. For the remainder of the 2024 – 2025 school year, Samantha shall be in the custody of Father as follows, and shall be in Mother's custody at all other times:
    - a. Alternate weekends from Friday after school through Sunday evening. If Samantha wishes to spend an overnight with Father on Sundays on his custodial weekend, Samantha shall have a Sunday overnight with Father, with Father dropping Samantha off at school on Monday morning.
    - b. Every Wednesday from after school through 6:30 p.m.
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- c. On the Mondays following Father's custodial weekend for an afterschool visit concluding at 6:30 p.m.
3. Summer timeshare: Commencing Summer 2025, Samantha shall be in the custody of her parents on an alternating week schedule with either Friday after work or Monday morning as the transition day.
4. Commencing school year 2025 – 2026, Samantha shall be in the custody of Father as follows, and shall be in Mother's custody at all other times:
  - a. Alternate weeks from Friday after school through Tuesday morning drop off at school. Samantha shall be permitted to go back to Mother's home on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. if she wishes to return to Mother's home.
  - b. In the off weeks, from Monday after school through Tuesday morning drop off at school. Samantha shall be permitted to go back to Mother's home on Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. if she wishes to return to Mother's home.
  - c. Every Wednesday from after school until 6:30 p.m.
5. Father shall not be mandated to continue working with a parenting coach.

As authorized by CRC 5.125, the court shall prepare the formal order after hearing.

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DATE: 02/19/25      TIME: 9:00 A.M.      DEPT: B      CASE NO: FL2101507

PRESIDING: HON. JANET L. FRANKEL

REPORTER:

CLERK: ALEX URTON

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PETITIONER:      LANCE LA ROCCA

and

RESPONDENT:      PRISCILA M. LA ROCCA

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NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REQUEST FOR ORDER – OTHER: PASSPORT RENEWAL

**RULING**

This matter comes before the court on the Request for Order (RFO) filed January 14, 2025, seeking a court order requiring Petitioner/Father to cooperate and facilitate the renewal of the passport for the parties' minor child, both July 17, 2018.

On December 18, 2024, the court ordered that out of country travel with Vanessa would require the consent of both parents. Mother requests the court order Father to cooperate with renewing Vanessa's passport.

Father has presented no credible objection to the renewal of Vanessa's passport. Father is hereby ordered to cooperate with Mother to facilitate the renewal of Vanessa's passport.

As to Mother's request for an order prohibiting a parent from unreasonably withholding their consent to international travel, the parties are referred to the court's December 18, 2024 orders, filed on January 13, 2025.

As authorized by CRC 5.125, the court shall prepare the formal order after hearing.

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DATE: 02/19/25      TIME: 9:00 A.M.      DEPT: B      CASE NO: FL0000187

PRESIDING: HON. JANET L. FRANKEL

REPORTER:

CLERK: ALEX URTON

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PETITIONER:      JULIE TURNER

and

RESPONDENT:      JEROME BARCLAY

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NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: PETITION – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER

RULING

Appearances required.

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PRESIDING: HON. JANET L. FRANKEL

REPORTER:

CLERK: ALEX URTON

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PETITIONER:    NARYRATHA HENG  
SCHLUESSEL

and

RESPONDENT:    ROLAND SCHLUESSEL

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NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: 1) CASE PROGRESS CONFERENCE  
2) REQUEST FOR ORDER – CHILD CUSTODY/VISITATION; ATTORNEY’S FEES AND COSTS; REQUEST FOR ORDER REGARDING CONTROL OF THE FAMILY BUSINESS

**RULING**

This matter comes before the court on Petitioner/Mother’s Request for Order (RFO) filed November 25, 2024 (amended December 2, 2024), seeking initial custody and visitation orders, attorney’s fees and costs, and orders regarding control of the business.

Respondent/Father’s Responsive Declaration was filed on February 10, 2025.

Mother objects to Father’s Responsive Declaration and asks that it be stricken, or that Father be sanctioned, because Father’s Responsive Declaration was filed five (5) days late, (in violation of C.C.P. § 1005), and because it was six pages over the page limit (in violation of CRC Rule 5.111(a)). Mother did not request more time to reply to Father’s Responsive Declaration, and Mother’s Reply Declaration appears to have addressed everything raised in Father’s Responsive Declaration.

The court denies Mother’s request to strike Father’s Responsive Declaration as untimely, and Father is admonished that more severe measures may be considered in the future if pleadings are not timely filed. As to the length of Father’s Responsive Declaration, the court cannot allow a party to exceed the page limits without permission; the page limits required by the Rules of Court exist to avoid court inefficiency and overload. The court shall disregard the last six (6) pages of Father’s 16-page Responsive Declaration.

**COMMUNITY BUSINESS**

On December 9, 2024, the parties were referred to the Marin County Superior Court Discovery Facilitator Program and a Facilitator was appointed on December 24, 2024. Father’s Responsive Declaration suggests that the parties have reached agreements and are working together to

resolve Mother's requests with respect to management and control of the family business, Pillar & Stone. Mother's requests are denied, without prejudice, as either moot or premature. The court continues to have jurisdiction over the parties' business(es).

#### ATTORNEY'S FEES

Mother's income and expense declaration was filed on October 9, 2024, over four months ago. Mother's filed income and expense declaration is neither current nor complete. (CRC Rule 5.260.) Mother has not lodged a copy of her last two tax returns. A party seeking attorney's fees is required to serve and lodge (under seal) copies of their two most recent tax returns. (MCR Fam 7.13(c).)

Additionally, from the cursory information provided by the court, it appears that the parties' incomes are equal. Mother asserts that she and Father each earn \$11,753 per month. Father asserts that he and Mother each earn \$4,000 per month. Father's Responsive Declaration asserts that the parties have agreed to engage a mutual joint forensic expert and split the costs equally, with a reservation of jurisdiction over allocation. Mother's Reply does not dispute this assertion.

Mother's request for attorney's fees is denied, without prejudice.

#### CUSTODY AND VISITATION

As to Mother's requests for custody and visitation, both parents and both minor children participated in interviews with the Family Court Services (FCS) child custody recommending counselor. FCS issued its report and recommendations on January 29, 2025.

Based on the information before the court, after careful consideration of the matter, the court finds it is in the best interests of the minor children Nicolas, born January 24, 2008, and Andrew, born April 2, 2011, to adopt the recommendations of FCS, as modified by the court as follows:

1. Sole legal and physical custody is awarded to Father.
2. Nicolas and Andrew shall not be mandated to have contact with Mother against their wishes. If either child wishes to visit Mother, Mother's visits shall be professionally supervised and shall be no more than one hour in length.
3. Mother shall take a class to learn about how to best support children of divorce.
4. Mother shall take a class to learn about the impact of verbal and emotional abuse on children.
5. Mother shall work with an individual therapist to address the issues raised in this report. A copy of this report shall be released to Mother's therapist.
6. Unsupervised contact between Mother and the children will not be considered until Mother has provided verification that she has completed the above recommendations numbered 3, 4, and 5.

7. Andrew shall continue in DBT therapy until no longer clinically indicated.
8. Mother shall cease denigrating and disparaging Father to the children, extended family, and members of the community.
9. The children shall not be shown a copy of this confidential report.
10. Copies of or the contents of this confidential report shall not be released to or otherwise shared with anyone that is not authorized to receive a copy. This report shall not be posted online, nor shall any portion of this report be posted online or shared or released in any manner that would compromise the confidentiality of this report.
11. The children shall not be subject to emotional retaliation for what they have reported to FCS. Neither parent shall discuss with the children their interviews with FCS.

Counsel for Father shall prepare the formal order after hearing.

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