

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIN**

DATE: 02/20/26 TIME: 9:00 A.M. DEPT: E CASE NO. FL 1700957

PRESIDING: HON. BETH S. JORDAN

REPORTER:

CLERK: S. BOND

PETITIONER: GUDMUNDA HRUND
 GISLADOTTIR

and

RESPONDENT: DARYL SMITH

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REQUEST FOR ORDER – ATTORNEY’S FEES

RULING

This matter was continued for hearing from 12/12/25 on Petitioner/Mother’s request for attorneys’ fees and costs pursuant to Family Code § 2030. Counsel for Mother submitted her Declaration and billing records to the Court on 12/12/25. Mother filed a Reply Memorandum of Points and Authorities in support of her attorneys fees request on 2/11/26. Mother requests Respondent/Father pay her \$41,635 per Family Code §2030. Counsel for Father filed a Supplemental Declaration in opposition to Mother’s request on 2/2/26, in which he objects to Mother’s request. Although he acknowledges Father incurred \$36,939, counsel argues the fee award to Mother should be limited to \$10,000.

Having reviewed all of the parties’ written submissions, as well as Ms. Mussallem’s billing records, the Court finds, based on the clear disparity in the parties’ incomes and assets, an award of attorneys’ fees and costs to Mother is appropriate. Further, the Court is satisfied that the fees and costs incurred by Respondent through 12/12/25 are reasonable. Therefore, the Court orders:

1. Father shall pay to Mother the sum of \$41,634.72 as and for attorneys’ fees and costs per Family Code §2030. Said sum is payable by March 15, 2026.

SO ORDERED.

Counsel for Mother shall prepare the order.

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IT IS ORDERED that video appearances though Zoom are permitted unless a party is ordered to appear in court. In-person appearances are also permitted. Evidentiary hearings shall be in-person in Department E. The parties may access Department E for video conference via a link on the court website.

FURTHER ORDERED that the parties are responsible for ensuring that they have a good connection and that they are available for the hearing. If the connection is inadequate, the Court may proceed with the hearing in the party's absence.

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COUNTY OF MARIN**

DATE: 02/20/26 TIME: 9:00 A.M. DEPT: E CASE NO: FL 1901715

PRESIDING: HON. BETH S. JORDAN

REPORTER:

CLERK: S. BOND

PETITIONER: ROBERT F. KENNEDY

and

RESPONDENT: MELISSA M. KENNEDY

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: 1) ORDER – SHOW CAUSE – CONTEMPT FAILURE TO COMPLY 2) ORDER- SHOW CAUSE – CONTEMPT – FAILURE TO COMPLY

RULING

This case is set for arraignment of Petitioner/Husband on the Orders to Show Cause re Contempt filed by Respondent/Wife on 11/14/25 and 1/9/26.

Appearances required.

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DATE: 02/20/26 TIME: 9:00 A.M. DEPT: E CASE NO: FL0000034

PRESIDING: HON. BETH S. JORDAN

REPORTER:

CLERK: S. BOND

PETITIONER: KATHERINE RETZ

and

RESPONDENT: DANIEL RETZ

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REQUEST FOR ORDER – SPOUSAL SUPPORT

RULING

This matter is set for hearing on Petitioner/Mother's 11/26/26 Request for Order ("RFO") re: child support and spousal support. On 11/26/25 Mother also filed an Income and Expense Declaration ("I&E"), and lodged with the Court her 2023 and 2024 income tax returns. The Court finds nothing in the file to show that Respondent/Father was served with the RFO; however, on 1/15/26, the parties filed a Stipulation and Order to continue this hearing from 1/16/25. Father has not filed a response to the RFO or any of the financial documentation and information required by Rule 7.13 of the Marin County Family Law Local Rules, so the Court has insufficient information to make support orders.

Appearances required.

SO ORDERED.

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DATE: 02/20/26 TIME: 9:00 A.M. DEPT: E CASE NO: FL0000757

PRESIDING: HON. BETH S. JORDAN

REPORTER:

CLERK: S. BOND

PETITIONER: ELIZABETH LAMONT

and

RESPONDENT: DANIEL MENDOZA

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: 1) REQUEST FOR ORDER – OTHER: TO SEAL
RESPONSIVE DECLARATION
2) REQUEST FOR ORDER – OTHER: MOTION TO SEAL (ATTORNEY DECLARATION)
3) REQUEST FOR ORDER – CONTINUE TRIAL

RULING

Requests for Orders to Seal Records

This matter was taken under submission on (1) Petitioner/Wife's request to seal the Supplemental Declaration of Romy S. Taubman dated 12/22/25, and (2) Respondent/Husband's 1/12/26 request to seal the Responsive Declaration of Respondent. The Court reviewed the Protective Order Re Confidential Information filed 5/6/24 and has reviewed each of the conditionally lodged, unredacted Declarations and compared them against the publicly-filed redacted versions. The Court finds that both conditionally lodged Declarations meet the requirements of Rules 2.550 and 2.551, California Rules of Court for the Court to order the unredacted versions sealed criteria for sealing under Rules 2.550 and 2.551.

Therefore, the Court grants both parties' requests for sealing. However, the Court finds that some amendments to the proposed Orders need be made.

Ex Parte Request to Continue 4/30/26 Trial Date

The Court finds good cause to continue the 4/30/26. The Court will not change the 4/3 and 4/24 dates from 1:30 to 4:30 pm but proposes the following for the parties' consideration: start trial at 1:30 pm on 4/10, 4/13, 4/17 or 4/20/26.

Appearances required.

SO ORDERED.

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DATE: 02/20/26 TIME: 9:00 A.M. DEPT: E CASE NO: FL0001735

PRESIDING: HON. BETH S. JORDAN

REPORTER:

CLERK: S. BOND

PETITIONER: VANESSA KIRKPATRICK

and

RESPONDENT: FABIEN ROLAND
DUREUIL

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REVIEW OF REPORTS HEARING – CHILD
CUSTODY/VISITATION

RULING

This matter is set for custody review regarding the parties children: Following issuance of mutual Domestic Violence Restraining Orders on 1/16/26, the Court referred the parties to Family Court Services (“FCS”). Petitioner/Mother and Respondent/Father were interviewed separately, and Minor’s Counsel was also interviewed. On 2/10/26, Minor’s Counsel filed her Recommendations for Therapeutic Interventions. FCS filed its Report & Recommendations with the Court on 2/13/26, and on 2/17/26 Respondent/Father filed a Statement of Agreement/Disagreement with the FCS Recommendations. On 2/17/25, Minor’s Counsel submitted a Declaration re: Cost of Custody Evaluation and School Attendance Records.

Having reviewed and considered the current circumstances, as well as the FCS Report & Recommendations, Minor’s Counsel’s filings and Father’s Statement of Agreement/Disagreement, the Court finds that it is in the best interests of the children to order as follows:

1. The parties shall participate in a custody evaluation, which shall include a psychological evaluation of each parent.
 - a. The parties shall meet and confer to see if they can agree upon a custody evaluator who is readily available.
 - b. The Court notes that Minor’s Counsel has recommended Dr. Daniel Pickar and confirmed his availability and the cost for an evaluation by him. If Mother wishes to propose a different evaluator, she shall submit the names of proposed evaluators to Father’s counsel. If the parties cannot agree, then each party shall submit names to the Court by March 6, 2025, and the Court will designate the evaluator to be used by 3/10/26.

Appearances required for further discussion.

SO ORDERED.

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