

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIN**

DATE: 07/10/25 TIME: 9:00 A.M. DEPT: L CASE NO: FL2002722

PRESIDING: HON. MARK A. TALAMANTES

REPORTER:

CLERK: JENN CHARIFA

PETITIONER: BIBI TUCKER

and

RESPONDENT: DANIEL ANDREW
GRISALES

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REQUEST FOR ORDER – OTHER; PERMISSION FOR
OUR SON TO ATTEND PRIVATE MIDDLE SCHOOL

RULING

Petitioner Bibi Tucker (“Mother”) filed a Request for Order (“RFO”) on May 5, 2025, seeking court assistance for school selection. This follows Respondent Daniel Grisales (“Father”) filing an RFO for child support on April 17, 2025, which is being heard in the DCSS department and is separate from the matter before this court. Father filed a “reply” declaration on May 14, which addressed both RFOs filed by these parents. The support matter was heard on May 22.

Both parents met with Marin Family Court Services (“FCS”) on or about June 25, 2025, on the issue raised by Mother. (Marin is a recommending county. (Family Code §3183; Marin County Rules, Family 7.17.A.)) FCS issued a Report with recommendations on June 25, 2025.

Together, these parents have two children. Linus was born on September 2, 2013, and is 11. Ernesto was born on February 3, 2018. He is 7 years old.

The court appreciates Mother’s concession as stated in her Statement of Disagreement filed on July 3, that Linus may attend Whitehill Middle School, a public school.

Father resides in Fairfax. Mother resides in San Rafael. Linus has just graduated from a public school, Sun Valley Elementary in San Rafael. The children are on a 2/2/5 schedule.

Effective communication is key to successful parenting and these parents must work together for the next 11 years, or until Ernesto reaches the age of majority. At the same time, if the parents cannot productively communicate, it might be better for the children to permit the parents to have more independence from each other so there is less stress and anxiety in the household caused by divorced parental conflict. Streamlined communication by using a communication application might help these parents achieve greater success, even with minimal communication.

CUSTODY AND VISITATION

The court has reviewed papers filed by the parents regarding the school choice issue, as well as the recommendations of FCS issued on June 25, 2025, and Mother's Statement of Disagreement. In consideration of all these factors, the court finds good cause and that it is in the best interest of the children to adopt the FCS recommendations as follows:

1. Linus shall attend Whitehill Middle School starting school year 2025 – 2026.
2. Parents shall continue working with their coparenting counselor on a quarterly basis as previously court ordered.
3. Communications between the parents shall be streamlined and the parents shall communicate using "Our Family Wizard" or a similar communication application for separated parents, to limit the number of coparenting communications to a reasonable number.
- 4.

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As authorized by CRC 5.125, the court will prepare the Findings and Order After Hearing.

Parties must comply with Marin County Superior Court Local Rules, Rule 7.12(B), (C), which provide that if a party wants to present oral argument, the party must contact the Court at (415) 444-7046 and all opposing parties by 4:00 p.m. the court day preceding the scheduled hearing. Notice may be by telephone or in person to all other parties that argument is being requested (i.e., it is not necessary to speak with counsel or parties directly.) Unless the Court and all parties have been notified of a request to present oral argument, no oral argument will be permitted except by order of the Court. In the event no party requests oral argument in accordance with Rule 7.12(C), the tentative ruling shall become the order of the court.

IT IS ORDERED that evidentiary hearings shall be in-person in Department L. For routine appearances, the parties may access Department L for video conference via a link on the court website. Litigants in the virtual courtroom are required to leave the video screen on and wait for your case to be called.

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.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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DATE: 07/10/25 TIME: 9:00 A.M. DEPT: L CASE NO: FL0001311

PRESIDING: HON. MARK A. TALAMANTES

REPORTER:

CLERK: JENN CHARIFA

PETITIONER: EDGAR CONTRERAS

and

RESPONDENT: BRENDA CORONA

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REQUEST FOR ORDER – CHILD CUSTODY/VISITATION

RULING

Petitioner Edgar Contreras (“Father”) filed a petition for Emergency Temporary Orders on May 22, 2025, seeking emergency custody orders. He argues that Respondent Brenda Corona (“Mother”) is involved in a violent and unhealthy relationship with her boyfriend, Ricardo Malagon. There is no proof of service that Mother was served with the emergency orders. Nor did she file a response.

Both parents met with Marin Family Court Services (“FCS”) on or about June 25, 2025, on the issue raised by Father, which is an indication that Mother was made aware of Father’s request. The parents were interviewed separately with Mother on June 4, 2025, and Father on June 12. (Marin is a recommending county. (Family Code §3183; Marin County Rules, Family 7.17.A.). FCS issued a Report with visitation recommendations on June 25, 2025.

Together, these parents have two children. Donna is 10, born on May 15, 2015. Haley is 14, born August 7, 2010. Both daughters were interviewed by FCS.

The Emergency Temporary Orders provide that the girls have no overnights with Mother and to be with her on alternate weeks on Monday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It was also ordered for Mother’s boyfriend not to be present during the visits. Father also filed a civil harassment restraining order against boyfriend (CV0006257) and the hearing is currently scheduled for 7-21-25.

The court is troubled by Mother’s efforts to minimize the acts of domestic violence perpetrated by the boyfriend and witnessed by her daughters. Domestic violence does not only include physical abuse. It may also involve emotional and controlling abuse as well. The emotional abuse at issue may include the screaming and yelling that the girls describe.

CUSTODY AND VISITATION

The court has reviewed the application filed by Father in his request for emergency custody orders. The court has also reviewed the FCS Report issued on June 25, 2025, and finds good cause and that it is in the best interest of the children to adopt the FCS recommendations as follows:

Parental Responsibilities

1. The parents shall share joint legal custody of both children. The parents shall share in the responsibility and confer in good faith on matters concerning the children's health, education and welfare. Both parents shall have access to the children's school, medical, mental health, and dental records and the right to consult with professionals who are providing services to the child.
2. Edgar shall have sole physical custody of both children.

Timeshare Schedule

3. Both girls shall live primarily with Father and shall be with Mother every Wednesday from 5:00 to 9:00 and every Saturday or Sunday (alternating) from 11:00 to 4:00. Neither child shall be forced to go if they do not want to.
4. Ricardo Malagon shall not be present at any of the visits with Donna or Haley.
5. It is unrealistic to expect that these young girls, one who is almost 15 years old, will not report to Father if Mother violates these orders by allowing Mr. Malagon to participate in Mother's family visitation time. Father may cancel all visits if Mother violates the order. The parents shall not ask their daughters to be untruthful with the other parent.
6. Any additional time for either child to be with Mother shall occur only as agreed upon by Father.

Collateral Issues

7. Both Donna and Haley shall be in counseling. Father shall follow the counselors' recommendations regarding frequency and duration of counseling.
8. Mother shall be in counseling to address her issues around domestic violence, alcohol, and anger management. The court is available to provide a referral to a domestic violence shelter upon request.
9. Mother shall be in AA and shall not consume any alcohol while the children are in her care, or at least 12 hours prior.
10. The children shall be exposed to peaceful contact only between their parents and their parents and their partners.

11. Neither child shall be exposed to any domestic violence.
12. Neither parent shall use any physical discipline with either child.
13. Neither child shall be exposed to any verbal or physical abuse.
14. Neither parent shall make any disparaging comments about the other parent or allow others to do so.
15. Mother shall follow all recommendations made by CFS.
16. Neither parent shall share any information from this report with either child.

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IT IS ORDERED that evidentiary hearings shall be in-person in Department L. For routine appearances, the parties may access Department L for video conference via a link on the court website. Litigants in the virtual courtroom are required to leave the video screen on and wait for your case to be called.

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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIN**

DATE: 07/10/25 TIME: 9:00 A.M. DEPT: L CASE NO: FL0001521

PRESIDING: HON. MARK A. TALAMANTES

REPORTER:

CLERK: JENN CHARIFA

PETITIONER: BENJAMIN PAUL
NELSON

and

RESPONDENT: COURTNEY
EVANGELINE NELSON

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: REQUEST FOR ORDER – SPOUSAL SUPPORT

RULING

Petitioner Benjamin Paul Nelson (“Husband”) filed a Request for Order (“RFO”) on May 12, 2025, seeking sanctions against Respondent Courtney Nelson (“Wife”) for her alleged untimely failure to file a Preliminary Declaration of financial Disclosure (“PDD”). Proof of personal service of the RFO upon Wife was entered on May 20, 2025. Husband filed a PDD on April 2, 2025.

The Petition for Dissolution of Marriage was filed on December 24, 2024. Wife filed a Response to the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage on January 30, 2025.

This is a relatively short term marriage => 6 years. While it is unlikely that long term spousal support will be awarded given the short span of the marriage, Husband’s request for *pendente lite* support is granted in the amount of \$400 per month.

Wife shall pay Husband temporary spousal support of \$400, on the first of the month until further court orders, beginning retroactive to June 1, 2025. Spousal support payments are not deductible by the Wife who is the payor spouse, and the payment is not considered income by the receiving spouse. Wife may deduct support from their California income tax return.

Wife is ordered to appear and show cause why sanctions in the amount of \$200 should not apply for the failure to file timely financial disclosures. See Family Code §2107 (a), (b)(1), (c).

Finally, this matter is on for Case Progress in this department on July 15, 2025, at 1:30 pm, with Wife ordered to appear. Should the parties appear in court on Thursday, July 10, 2025, the court will drop the next hearing date.

Appearances are required.

remote appearance shall notify the clerk of the court in advance to schedule remote interpretation services.

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DATE: 07/10/25 TIME: 9:00 A.M. DEPT: L CASE NO: FL0001864

PRESIDING: HON. MARK A. TALAMANTES

REPORTER:

CLERK: JENN CHARIFA

PETITIONER: ANGELINA EVA
GHILOTTI

and

RESPONDENT: TYLER RUGGLES

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: 1) REQUEST FOR ORDER – CHILD
CUSTODY/VISITATION
2) REQUEST FOR ORDER – CHILD CUSTODY/VISITATION

RULING

Petitioner Angela Eva Ghilotti (“Mother”) filed a petition for Emergency Temporary Orders on May 1, 2025, seeking emergency custody orders to require Respondent Tyler Ruggles (“Father”) to resume prior court ordered visitation. Both parents attended the hearing on May 1. Father advised the court that he did not want his children exposed to Mother’s boyfriend, Paul Deem, who is a felon.

Both parents met with Marin Family Court Services (“FCS”) on or about June 14, 2025, on the issue raised by Father. The parents were interviewed together. (Marin is a recommending county. (Family Code §3183; Marin County Rules, Family 7.17.A.) FCS issued a Report with visitation recommendations on June 27, 2025.

Together, these parents have one child. Jaxon is 2, born February 1, 2023. Mother is now pregnant with Mr. Deem’s child, which is relevant to child visitation orders moving forward.

Both parents are currently in recovery. Father represents that he is in recovery for meth and opiates use. Mother is in AA. Father knows Mr. Deem from the street and is adamant that he does not want him around this child. Mother’s parents are also concerned about the exposure of Jaxon to Mr. Deem. This is a difficult demand given Mother is now pregnant with Mr. Deem’s baby.

Paul Wesley Deem’s criminal history is extensive. Marin County court records included 37 entries involving: 12 felonies, 10 misdemeanors, and 8 traffic. His arrests included allegations of drug possession, paraphernalia, burglary, violence and threats of violence, and crimes involving firearms.

Mother, knowing of this record of criminality, has invited this man into her life. She must appreciate that Father matters. His opinion matters and he does not believe her boyfriend is a

good influence on his son. Until Father is more comfortable with his son being in the presence of Mr. Deem, Mother's inclusion of him in family visits will be curtailed.

Custody and Visitation

The court has reviewed the application filed by Father in his request for emergency custody orders. The court has also reviewed the FCS Report issued on June 27, 2025, and finds good cause and that it is in the best interest of Jaxon to adopt the FCS recommendations as follows:

Parental Responsibilities

1. The parents shall share joint legal custody of Jaxon. The parents shall share in the responsibility and confer in good faith on matters concerning the child's health, education and welfare. Both parents shall have access to the child's school, medical, mental health, and dental records and the right to consult with professionals who are providing services to the child.
2. The parents shall have physical custody of Jaxon.

Timeshare Schedule

3. Jaxon shall continue to live with both parents on a schedule where he is with Angelina every week from Sunday at 12:00 to Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. and with Tyler every week from Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. to Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
4. Any changes to the schedule shall occur as mutually agreed upon by the parents.
5. As Jaxon gets older, Mother shall not put the child in a position where he is expected to be dishonest to his Father. If there is a report that Mr. Deem is in the presence of the child, visits will cease.

Holidays/Vacations

6. Jaxon shall be with both parents equally for Holidays and vacations on an agreed upon schedule until the baby is born.
7. Holiday Schedule:
 - Mother's Day and Father's Day (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) shall be spent with the respective parent each year.
 - April religious holidays (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.): The children shall be with Father in odd-numbered years and Mother in even-numbered years.
 - Memorial Day (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.): The child shall be with Mother in odd-numbered years and Father in even-numbered years.

- Fourth of July (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.): The child shall be with Father in odd-numbered years and Mother in even-numbered years.
- Labor Day (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.): The child shall be with Mother in odd-numbered years and Father in even-numbered years
- Halloween (4 p.m. to 9 p.m.): The child shall be with Father in odd-numbered years and Mother in even-numbered years.
- Thanksgiving shall be from Thanksgiving Day at 10 a.m. and shall be spent with Mother in odd-numbered years and Father in even-numbered years.
- Christmas (and any other religious holiday in December): Father shall care for the child from noon to 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve and Mother shall care for the child on Christmas Day.
- New Year's: New Year's Eve from 5 p.m. to the New Year's Day up to 7 p.m. shall be spent with Father in even-numbered years and with Mother in odd-numbered years.

Collateral Issues

8. Jaxon shall continue not to have any contact with Paul Wesley Deem until further order of the court.
9. Both parents shall continue their sobriety and continue to participate in programs to support it.
10. Neither parent shall expose Jaxon to any drugs or drug paraphernalia.
11. Both parents shall continue to be law-abiding.
12. Jaxon shall be exposed to peaceful contact only between his parents and any other adults.
13. Jaxon shall not be exposed to any domestic violence or any verbal or physical abuse.
14. Neither parent shall make any disparaging comments about the other parent in the presence of the children or allow others to do so.
15. The matter will be called for an update on visitation on January 15, 2026, at 9 a.m. in this department. The parents are to contact FCS at 415-444-7090 by December 1, 2025, to make an interview appointment.

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