

## **JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS EFFECTIVE 2024**

Judge Rita Federman will be the Presiding Judge for 2024. Judge Tana Coates will be the Assistant Presiding Judge and act as Presiding Judge in Judge Federman's absence. The following are the assignments effective January 2, 2024:

### **CRIMINAL TEAM**

Judge Timothy S. Covello – Team Leader, Department 5  
Judge Matthew G. Guerrero, Department 1  
Judge Rita Federman, Department 3  
Judge Michael Frye, Department 6  
Judge Catherine J. Swysen, Department 8  
Judge Crystal T. Seiler, Department 9  
Judge Jesse J. Marino, Department 10  
Judge Gayle L. Peron, Presiding Juvenile Judge,  
Juvenile Services Center (JSC) and Department 12  
Commissioner Leslie H. Kraut, Grover Beach Branch Court,  
and Paso Robles Branch Court

**DUTIES:** The criminal team will handle all felony and misdemeanor criminal cases from arraignment to disposition, along with criminal writs, and Mentally Disordered Offender petitions (P.C. §2960). All felony and misdemeanor pretrial hearings, motions, and trials will be heard in the department where the defendant's case is assigned following arraignment. The judge presiding in that department will be assigned for all purposes for the balance of the case. Motions should be noticed at least ten (10) days in advance of the hearing date, trial or preliminary hearing. Applications for criminal writs on actions taken by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) should be filed with the Civil Department and will be assigned to a criminal bench officer based on the surname of the petitioner. Ex parte applications should be presented to the Criminal Department, Room 220. All juvenile delinquency and dependency calendars and contested hearings will be heard in Department 12 and at the Juvenile Services Center. Juvenile traffic will be called by a designated hearing officer at the Juvenile Services Center and by Commissioner Kraut at the Grover Beach Courthouse. Traffic calendars will be called at the Grover Beach Courthouse and Paso Robles Courthouse.

## CRIMINAL CALENDARS

### Dept. 1 – Judge Matthew G. Guerrero

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions (D8)	Felonies (D1)	Felonies (D8)	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions (D1)	All Criminal Calendars & Parole Hearings
<b>11:00</b>					
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	Trial	Trial/PC2960's (D1)	Trial/PC2960's (D8)	Trial	Trial

### Dept. 3 - Judge Rita Federman

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	Felonies	Felonies	Felonies	Felonies	
<b>9:00</b>					
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess

### Dept. 5 - Judge Timothy S. Covello – Criminal Team Leader

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	Felonies	Misdemeanors	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions	Misdemeanors	
<b>11:00</b>					Mental Health Diversion
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	Trial/PC2960's	Trials/Contested Hearings	Trial	Trials/Contested Hearings	Trial

**Dept. 6 - Judge Michael Frye**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	Misdemeanors	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings Prelims & Motions	Misdemeanors	Felonies	Drug Court
<b>9:00</b>					Drug Court PV's
<b>10:00</b>	Contested Hearings & Motions		Contested Hearings & Motions		
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	Trial	Trial	Trial	Trial/PC2960's	Trial

**Dept. 8 – Judge Catherine J. Swysen**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions	Misdemeanors	Felonies	Misdemeanors	DARK
<b>10:00</b>		Contested Hearings & Motions		Contested Hearings & Motions	
<b>11:00</b>					Behavioral Treatment Court (BHTC/ATCC)
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	Trial	Trial	Trial/PC2960's	Trial	Trial

**Dept. 9 – Judge Crystal T. Seiler**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions	Misdemeanors	Felonies	Misdemeanors	Qawi's (3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday)
<b>10:00</b>		Contested Hearings & Motions		Contested Hearings & Motions	
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	Trial	Trial	Trial/PC2960's	Trial	Trial

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

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

**All cases will be assigned equitably from the following electronic wheels: Misdemeanor, Felony, Multi-Defendant, SVP & Sex Cases, and Homicide.**

**Dept. 12 and JSC – Judge Gayle L. Peron**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	<b>602</b> Juvenile Justice (JSC)	<b>602</b> Detentions Only	<b>300</b> Juvenile Protection Contested (D12)	<b>602</b> Juvenile Justice (JSC) (Or D12 Zoom)	<b>602</b> Detentions Only
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:00</b>	<b>300</b> Juvenile Protection Contested (D12)	<b>300</b> Detentions Only	<b>300</b> Juvenile Protection (D12)	<b>300</b> Juvenile Protection (D12)	<b>300</b> Detentions Only

**Traffic and Small Claims Calendars Grover/Vet's/Paso – Commissioner Leslie H. Kraut**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>					<b>Grover</b> Small Claims (SLO, Paso &GB)
<b>9:00</b>	<b>Grover</b> Paso Small Claims	<b>Grover</b> Adult Traffic South County Arraignments	<b>Paso Court</b> Adult Traffic Trials	<b>Grover</b> Adult Traffic SLO Arraignments	
<b>10:00</b>			Truancy & Ed. Code 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month		
<b>11:00</b>	(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. @ Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)	(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. @ Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)	(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. @ Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)	(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. @ Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)	(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. @ Psychiatric Health Facilty (PHF)
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	<b>Grover</b> (FTC) Family Treatment Court	<b>Grover</b> Adult Traffic South County Trials	<b>Paso Court</b> Adult Traffic Arraignments	<b>Grover</b> Adult Traffic SLO Trials & Ed. Code Trials	<b>Grover</b> Informal Juvenile Traffic Arraignments- by Deputy P.O.
<b>3:00</b>	(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. @ Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)	(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. @ Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)  Truancy & Ed. Code 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month	(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. @ Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)	(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. @ Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)  Truancy & Ed. Code 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month	(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. @ Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)

**CIVIL TEAM**

Judge Craig van Rooyen, SLO Department 2  
 Judge Tana L. Coates – Team Leader, SLO Department 4  
 Judge Michael C. Kelley, Paso Robles Department P-2  
 Commissioner Leslie H. Kraut – Grover Beach Courthouse

**DUTIES:** The civil team will hear civil matters, probate, mental health, adoptions, and small claims trials de novo. All proceedings will be heard by the judge who has been assigned to manage the case for all purposes. All motions should be calendared for that department after a date has been secured from the Clerk’s Office. Jury trials, court trials and other contested hearings may be conducted Monday through Friday on a schedule determined by the judicial officer. Judges Coates, Judge van Rooyen and Judge Kelley will be the designated CEQA judges for 2024.

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>		Civil/LPS Ex Partes	Civil Harassment	Civil/ LPS Ex Partes UD Trials Back-Up TRO’s	
<b>9:00</b>	Case Mgmt Conf. Judg Debt. Exam	Law & Motion Claim of Exempt.	Case Mgmt. Conf. Judg. Debt. Exam		Probate - Conservatorship/ Guardianship
<b>9:01</b>					Probate - OSC
<b>9:02</b>					Probate – Court Apptd. Atty Costs
<b>9:30</b>			OSC re: Name Change	Probate Special Set Minor’s Comp	
<b>10:00</b>	Court Trials-Short Default Prove Up Trial de Novo Comm. Kraut DQ’s		Readiness Conf.	LPS Probate, Petitions & Trials	
<b>10:30</b>		Jury Trials			
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	Status Conference (1 <sup>st</sup> Monday)/ Trial	Trial	Trial	Trial	Trial Appellate Court (3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday)

Judge Kelley may specially set matters at times outside of the standard calendar times and on different calendars as needed. Further calendars might be closed to accommodate long hearings.

**Dept. 2 - Judge Craig van Rooyen**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes		
<b>9:00</b>	CMCs OSC Dismissals Trial Setting Conf. Readiness Conf. Trials de Novo Default Prove Up (non-UD)	Unlawful Detainer Default Prove Up (including UD Default Prove Up)	CMCs OSC Dismissals Trial Setting Conf. Readiness Conf.	Law & Motion Name Changes Judg. Debtor	TRO Calendar
<b>10:00</b>	Trials - Court Set Pretrial Disc. Conf.	Trial - Court Set Pretrial Disc. Conf.	Trials - Court Set Pretrial Disc. Conf.	Minor's Comp. Trials - Court Set or Probate and Family Law Special Sets	Judge Set Only
<b>10:00</b>	Mental Health	Mental Health	Mental Health		Mental Health
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	Trials Freedom/ Termination Cal	Trials	Trials	Trials	Judge Set Only Appellate Division (3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday)

**Dept. 4 - Judge Tana L. Coates – Civil Team Leader**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	Ex Partes			Ex Partes	TRO Calendar (Limit 4)
<b>9:00</b>	Case Mgmt Conf. OSC Dismissals	Probate (Estates & Trust)	Law & Motion Name Changes Judg Debtor Ex.	Case Mgmt Conf. OSC Dismissals	
<b>10:00</b>	UD Trials Small Claims DQ's Default Prove ups			Readiness Conf.	<b>Adoptions</b> (2nd & 4th Friday) <b>Terminations</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday)
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	Trial/Discovery Conference	Trial/Discovery Conference	Trial/Discovery Conference	Trial/Discovery Conferences	Appellate Court (3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday)
<p>Judge Coates special sets matters at times outside of the standard calendar times and on different calendars as needed. Further calendars might be closed to accommodate long hearings.</p>					



**FAMILY LAW TEAM**

Judge Erin M. Childs – Team Leader, SLO Department 7  
 Judge Jacquelyn H. Duffy, Paso Robles Department P-1  
 Commissioner Kenneth McDaniel, SLO Department 11

**Dept. 7 - Judge Erin M. Childs**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	Special Sets	Special Sets	Special Sets	Special Sets	Judge Set Only
<b>9:00</b>	Non-Appearance Status Conference Clerk set 2 <sup>nd</sup> /Court Set 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday & Trial	Trial		Trial	Judge Set Only
<b>9:45</b>	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Judge Set Only
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	RFO Calendar In-Person	Trial	Trial	Trial	Judge Set Only

**Dept. 11 - Commissioner Kenneth McDaniel**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fridays
<b>8:30</b>	Special Sets Settlement Conf.	Special Sets Settlement Conf.	Special Sets Settlement Conf.	Family Support and Enforcement Calendar (DCSS/AB105) Special Set Settlement Conf.	
<b>9:00</b>	RFO Calendar In-Person		DV Calendar		Trial
<b>9:45</b>	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	Trial	As of 2/2024 Non-Appearance Status Conference 1st Monday Judge Set Only	Readiness/Trial Setting		DARK

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	Review Hearings	DV Calendar	Review Hearing Status Conference 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. Court set 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. Clerk set	RFO Calendar	DARK
<b>9:00</b>	Trial/Mediation		Trial/Mediation		Trial/Hearings
<b>9:45</b>	Ex Partes (Limit 3)	Ex Partes (Limit 3)	Ex Partes (Limit 3)		Ex Partes (Limit 3)
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	Trials/Hearings	DV Calendar overflow Trials/Hearings	Trial Calendar	Trials/Hearings	Trials/Hearings

**APPELLATE DIVISION**

Judge Craig van Rooyen (Presiding Judge)  
 Judge Timothy S. Covello  
 Judge Michael C. Kelley  
 Judge Tana L. Coates (Alternate)

CALENDAR: Oral Argument is held at 1:30 p.m. on the First Friday of Each Month