

JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS EFFECTIVE 2023

Judge Craig van Rooyen will be the Presiding Judge for 2023. Judge Rita Federman will be the Assistant Presiding Judge and act as Presiding Judge in Judge van Rooyen's absence. The following are the assignments effective January 3, 2023:

CRIMINAL TEAM

Judge Timothy S. Covello, Department 1
Judge Craig van Rooyen, Department 3
Judge Jacquelyn H. Duffy, Department 5
Judge Michael Frye, Department 6
Judge Catherine J. Swysen, Department 8
Vacant (Assigned Judge), Department 9
Judge Jesse J. Marino – Team Leader, Department 10
Judge Gayle L. Peron, Presiding Juvenile Judge,
Juvenile Services Center (JSC) and Department 12
Commissioner Leslie H. Kraut, Grover Beach Branch Court,
Veterans Memorial Building (SLO) 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.

CRIMINAL CALENDARS
Dept. 1 – Timothy S. Covello

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions (D8)	Felonies (D1)	Felonies (D8)	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions (D1)	DARK
11:00					Mental Health Diversion
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial	Trial/PC2960's (D1)	Trial/PC2960's (D8)	Trial	Trial

Dept. 3 - Judge Craig van Rooyen

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Felonies	Felonies	Felonies	Felonies	
9:30					Behavioral Treatment Court (BHTC/ATCC)
12:00	Noon Recess				

Dept. 5 - Judge Jacquelyn H. Duffy

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

Dept. 6 - Judge Michael Frye

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00					Qawi's (3 rd Friday)
8:30	Misdemeanors (D6)	Misdemeanors (D9)	Misdemeanors (D6)	Misdemeanors (D9)	
10:00	Contested Hearings & Motions	Contested Hearings & Motions	Contested Hearings & Motions	Contested Hearings & Motions	
12:00	Noon Recess				
1:30	Trial	Trial	Trial	Trial	Trial

Dept. 8 – Judge Catherine J. Swysen

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Misdemeanors (D1)	Misdemeanors (D8)	Misdemeanors (D1)	Misdemeanors (D8)	DARK
10:00	Contested Hearings & Motions	Contested Hearings & Motions	Contested Hearings & Motions	Contested Hearings & Motions	
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial	Trial	Trial	Trial	Trial

Dept. 9 – Assigned Judge

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions (D9)	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions (D6)	Felonies (D9)	Felonies (D6)	All Criminal Calendars & Parole Hearings
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial	Trial	Trial/PC2960's (D9)	Trial/PC2960's (D6)	Trial

Dept. 10 - Judge Jesse J. Marino – Criminal Team Leader

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Misdemeanors	Felonies	Misdemeanors	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions	Veterans Treatment Court (1 st & 3rd Friday)
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	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
8:30	602 Juvenile Justice (JSC)	602 Detentions Only	300 Juvenile Protection Contested (D12)	602 Juvenile Justice (JSC) (Or D12 Zoom)	602 Detentions Only
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:00	300 Juvenile Protection Contested (D12)	300 Detentions Only	300 Juvenile Protection (D12)	300 Juvenile Protection (D12)	300 Detentions Only

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

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

CIVIL TEAM

Judge Rita Federman, SLO Department 2
 Judge Tana L. Coates – Civil Team Leader, SLO Department 4
 Vacant (Assigned Judge), 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 Federman and (vacant) will be the designated CEQA judges for 2022.

CIVIL DIRECT CALENDAR

Paso P2 – Assigned Judge

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Civil Harassment	UD Trials Back-Up TROs	DARK
9:00	CMC Judgement Debt. Exam.	Law & Motion Claim of Exempt. Name Changes	CMC Judg. Debt. Exam		COURT SET ONLY
9:30			OSC re: Name Change	Probate Special Set Minor’s Comp.	
10:00	Court Trials- Short Cause Default Prove Ups Trial de Novo; Comm. Kraut DQs		Readiness Conf.	All LPS Matters, Petitions & Trials	COURT SET ONLY
10:30		Jury Trials			
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Status Conference (1 st Monday) Trial	Trial	Trial	Trial	Trial

Dept. 2 - Judge Rita Federman

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes		
9:00	CMCs OSC Dismissals Trial Setting Conf. Readiness Conf. Trials de Novo Default Prove Up 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
10:00	Trials-Court Set Pretrial Disc. Conf.	Trial – Court Set Pretrial Disc. Conf.	Trials-Court Set Pretrial Disc. Conf.	Minor’s com Trials-Court Set or Probate and Family Law Special Sets	Judge Set Only
10:00	Mental Health	Mental Health	Mental Health		Mental Health
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trials Freedom/ Termination Cal	Trials	Trials	Trials	Judge Set Only Appellate Division (3 rd Friday)

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Ex Partes			Ex Partes	Probate Ex Partes Adoptions (1 st & 3 rd Friday)
9:00	Case Mgmt. Conf.	Probate (Estates & Trust)	Law & Motion (Name Changes) Claims of Exemptions	Case Mgmt. Conf.	Probate – Conservatorships & Guardianships
10:00	UD Trials/TROs Small Claims DQs & Default Settings	Hearings/Trials		Readiness Conf.	Terminations (1 st & 3 rd Friday)
10:30	Hearings/Trials			Readiness Conf.	
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trial/Discovery Conferences	Trial/Discovery Conferences	Trial/Discovery Conferences	Trial/Discover y Conferences	

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.

FAMILY LAW TEAM

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

Judge Erin M. Childs - Dept. 7

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

Commissioner Kenneth McDaniel - Dept. 11

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fridays
8:30	Special Sets	Special Sets	Special Sets	Special Sets	Special Sets
9:00	Trials	RFO Calendar	DV Calendar Trials	Trials	Trials
9:45	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes
10:30				Family Support Calendar	
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trials		Readiness/Trials Setting Conference Status Conference 2 nd Wed. Clerk set	Family Support Calendar Trials/ Status Conference 3 rd Thursday COURT SET	DARK

Judge Matthew Guerrero - Paso Robles – Dept. P1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30	Review Hearings	DV Calendar	Review Hearings Status Conference 1 st Wed- Court Set 3 rd Wed-Clerk set	RFO Calendar	DARK
9:00	Trial/Mediation	Trial/Mediation	Trial Medication		DARK
9:45	Ex Partes	Ex Partes	Ex Partes		DARK Ex Partes only
12:00	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
1:30	Trials/Hearings	DV Calendar Overflow Trials/Hearings	DARK	Trials/Hearings	DARK

APPELLATE DIVISION

Judge Timothy Covello (Presiding Judge)
 Judge Tana L. Coates
 Judge Rita Federman
 Judge Gail Peron (Alternate)

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