

**JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS EFFECTIVE 2025  
REVISED 12/04/2024**

Judge Rita Federman will be the Presiding Judge for 2025. 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, 2025:

**CRIMINAL DIVISION**

Judge Timothy S. Covello – Supervising Judge, Department 5  
Judge Matthew G. Guerrero is assigned to Department 1 for January 2025; commencing  
February 2025, an Assigned Judge is assigned to Department 1  
    Judge Rita Federman, Department 3  
    Judge Michael S. 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 for January 2025  
Judge Matthew G. Guerrero, Presiding Juvenile Judge, commencing February 2025,  
    Juvenile Services Center (JSC) and Department 12  
Commissioner Leslie H. Kraut, Grover Beach Branch Court,  
    and Paso Robles Branch Court

**DUTIES:** The Criminal Division 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 Division 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 Division, 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 Grover Beach Courthouse and/or 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 in January 2025  
Judge Assigned commencing February 2025**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	Misdemeanors	Felonies	Misdemeanors	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs.) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions	All Criminal Calendars & Readiness Calendar
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	Trial	Trial/PC2960's	Trial	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 Division Supervising Judge**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	Felonies	Misdemeanors	Felonies (Evidentiary Hrgs) Contested Hearings, Prelims & Motions	Misdemeanors	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 S. 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>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>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**

\*\*\*Change to the Monday/Wednesday Felony calendars will commence February 3, 2025.\*\*\*

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

<b>1:30</b>	Trial/PC2960's	Trial	Trial	Trial	Trial
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**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> & 3rd Friday)
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	Trial	Trial/ PC2960's	Trial	Trial	Trial

**Criminal Calendars: 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 Peron in January 2025  
Judge Matthew G. Guerrero commencing February 2025**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:15</b>	<b>602</b> Juvenile Justice (JSC)	<b>602</b> Juvenile Justice Detentions Only	<b>300</b> Juvenile Protection Contested (D12)	<b>602</b> Juvenile Justice (JSC) (Or D12 Zoom)	<b>602</b> Juvenile Justice Detentions Only
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:15</b>	<b>300</b> Juvenile Protection Contested (D12)	<b>300</b> Juvenile Protection Detentions Only	<b>300</b> Juvenile Protection (D12)	<b>300</b> Juvenile Protection (D12)	<b>300</b> Juvenile Protection Detentions Only

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>		<b>Grover</b> Adult Traffic Arraignments		<b>Grover</b> Adult Traffic Arraignments	
<b>8:45</b>	<b>Grover</b> SLO/Paso Small Claims				<b>Grover</b> Small Claims (SLO, Paso &GB)
<b>9:00</b>			<b>Paso Court</b> Adult Traffic Trials		
<b>11:00</b>		(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs (PHF)		(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. (PHF)	
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:00</b>	<b>Grover</b> Family Treatment Court (FTC)				
<b>1:30</b>		<b>Grover</b> Adult Traffic South County Trials	<b>Paso Court</b> Adult Traffic Arraignments	<b>Grover</b> Adult Traffic SLO Trials	<b>Grover</b> Informal Juvenile Traffic Arraignments- by Deputy P.O.-1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fridays
<b>3:00</b>		Truancy & Ed. Code 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month		Truancy & Ed. Code 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month	
<b>3:30</b>	(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. (PHF)		(Riese) Mental Health Hrgs. (PHF)		

**CIVIL DIVISION**

Judge Tana L. Coates – Supervising Judge, SLO Department 4  
 Judge Craig van Rooyen, SLO Department 2  
 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 2025.

**Dept. 4 - Judge Tana L. Coates – Civil Supervising Judge**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	Ex Partes			Ex Partes	Civil Harassment Calendar
<b>9:00</b>	Case Mgmt. Conf. OSC Dismissals	Probate Estates and Trusts (No New Estate Petitions)	Non-Work up Law & Motion Name Changes Judg. Debtor Ex.	Case Mgmt. Conf. OSC Dismissals	
<b>9:01</b>		Probate New Estates/Report of Sale (Petition for Confirmation of Sale)	Law & Motion		
<b>9:02</b>			MSJ Law & Motion		
<b>10:00</b> <b>10:00</b>	UD Trials Small Claims DQ’s Default Prove ups			Readiness Conf.	<b>Adoptions</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday) <b>Terminations</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday)
<b>10:30</b>	Judge Set Only				
<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)
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.					

**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.	Non-Work up Law & Motion Name Changes Judg. Debtor	Civil Harassment Calendar
<b>9:01</b>				Law & Motion	
<b>9:02</b>				MSJ Law & Motion	
<b>10:00</b>	Trials - Court Set Pretrial Disc. Conf.	Trial - Court Set Pretrial Disc. Conf.	Trials - Court Set Pretrial Disc. Conf.	Trials -Minor's Comp.Trials - Court Set Probate/ Family Law Special Sets	Judge Set Only
<b>10:00</b>	Mental Health	Mental Health	CARE Court 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays	Mental Health	Mental Health
<b>12:00</b>	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess	Noon Recess
<b>1:30</b>	Trials/ Termination/ Freedom Cal	Trials	Trials	Trials	Judge Set Only Appellate Division (3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday)

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>		Civil/LPS Ex Partes	Civil Harassment/ Unlawful Detainer	Civil/ LPS Ex Partes Unlawful Detainer Trials Back-Up TRO's	
<b>9:00</b>	Case Mgmt. Conf. Judg. Debt. Exam	Non-Work Up Law & Motion Claim of Exempt.	Case Mgmt. Conf. Judg. Debt. Exam		Probate - Conservatorship/ Guardianship
<b>9:01</b>		Law & Motion			Probate - OSC

<b>9:02</b>		MSJ Law & Motion			Probate – Court Apptd. Atty Costs
<b>9:30</b>			OSC re: Name Change		
<b>10:00</b>	Court Trials-Short Default Prove Up Trial de Novo Comm. Kraut DQ's/ Family Law 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month		Readiness Conf.		
<b>10:30</b>		Jury Trials			LPS - Conservatorship
<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.					

**FAMILY LAW DIVISION**

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

**Dept. 7 - Judge Erin M. Childs – Family Law Supervising Judge**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8:30</b>	TSC/RC/JAIM Calendar	Trial	Trial	Trial	Judge Set Only
<b>9:00</b>	Non-Appearance Status Conference Clerk set 2 <sup>nd</sup> /Court Set 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday				MSC
<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 R. McDaniel**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fridays
<b>8:30</b>	Special Sets	Special Sets	Special Sets	Family Support and Enforcement Calendar (DCSS/AB1058)	Readiness Conf./Trial Setting 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	Non-Appearance Status Conference 1st Monday Judge Set Only	Trial		<u>D11 DARK</u> Appellate Cal 1st Friday of the month

**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 1st Wed. Court set 3rd 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 Michael C. Kelley  
 Judge Catherine J. Swysen  
 Judge Crystal T. Seiler (Alternate)

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