



Superior Court of California County of Sonoma

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF COURT-PROVIDED COURT REPORTERS

CHANGES TO POLICY REGARDING NORMAL AVAILABILITY AND UNAVAILABILITY OF OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS

Due to court reporter staffing shortages, the Sonoma County Superior Court has amended its policy for normal availability and unavailability of official court reporters. As of April 18, 2022, official court reporters will no longer be available for Family Law matters except as mandated for requests to withdraw consent to an adoption, child testimony in chambers, and petitions to free a minor from parental care.

The Court's policy regarding the normal availability of official court reporters will be as follows:

Official court reporters will normally be available in felony criminal cases and juvenile matters (justice and dependency). Official court reporters will normally not be available in civil matters (with the exception of Lanterman-Petris-Short Act matters) and in family law matters, except as set forth above.

The Sonoma County Superior Court, at its sole discretion, may provide electronic recording services in infraction, misdemeanor and limited civil proceedings pursuant to Government Code section 69957.

A party who has been granted a waiver of court fees and costs may request the services of an official court reporter for a proceeding for which a reporter is not normally available and for which electronic recording is not provided. Information on how to submit a request is available on the court's website.

The Court's revised policy regarding normal availability and unavailability of official court reporters will be available on the Court's website on May 8th, 2025.