

**TENTATIVE RULINGS: CIVIL LAW & MOTION**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.  
Courtroom 18 – Hon. Dana Simonds  
Civil and Family Law Courthouse  
3055 Cleveland Avenue  
Santa Rosa, California 95403**

The tentative rulings will become the ruling of the Court unless a party desires to be heard. If you desire to appear and present oral argument, **YOU MUST NOTIFY** the Judge’s Judicial Assistant by telephone at **(707) 521-6724**, and all other opposing parties of your intent to appear, **and whether that appearance is in person or via Zoom**, no later 4:00 p.m. the court day immediately preceding the day of the hearing.

**If the tentative ruling is accepted, no appearance is necessary unless otherwise indicated.**

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**1. 24CV01353 Hinphosay vs Altaf M.D.**

Defendant’s motion for summary judgment is **CONTINUED** to April 22, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in Department 18 in order for Defendant to properly file the exhibits in support of the Declaration of Patricia H. Perry filed in support of this motion.

Defendant filed the Declaration of Patricia H. Perry in support of this motion on May 21, 2025. The declaration states that several exhibits are attached to it, but they are not attached. Rather, the declarant provided a Dropbox link for accessing the exhibits. There are a number of issues with doing so. First, doing so is in violation of California Rules of Court, Rule 3.1302(a), which requires all papers relating to law and motion proceedings to be filed in the clerk’s office, unless otherwise provided by local rule or by the Court’s protocol for electronic filing. There exists no local rule of court or Court protocol that allows exhibits to be filed in the form of a Dropbox link. Second, doing so fails to create a record for any potential appeal. Finally, the Court’s internal electronic security protocol discourages clicking on external weblinks.

Defendant shall properly file the exhibits in support of the declaration of Patricia H. Perry no later than April 10, 2025. No further briefing is permitted to be filed by either party.

**2-3 SCV-2716964 Elder vs Dumolin Service Corporation**

The hearing on this matter is **DROPPED** from calendar. The Court ordered this matter be set for a non-appearance status hearing regarding distribution of the settlement funds. Counsel for Plaintiff have filed a declaration that sets forth a satisfactory plan for distribution of the funds. The matter is dropped from calendar.

**\*\*\*This is the end of the Tentative Rulings\*\*\***