

**TENTATIVE RULINGS**

**CHANGE OF NAME CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 3:00 p.m.**

**Courtroom 17 – Hon. Jane Gaskell**

**3035 Cleveland Avenue, Suite 200, Santa Rosa**

**CourtCall is not permitted for this calendar.**

If the tentative ruling is accepted, no appearance is necessary unless otherwise indicated. **You must notify** the Judicial Assistant at **(707) 521-6723** if you wish to be heard in response to the tentative ruling and whether that appearance will be in person or via Zoom. Any interested party who wishes to be heard in opposition to a petition must notify all other parties of the intent to appear. Both notifications must be completed no later than 4:00 p.m. on the court day immediately preceding the day of the hearing.

Unless notification to the Judicial Assistant has been given as provided above, the tentative rulings shall become the rulings of the court at 3:15 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

**TO JOIN D17 ZOOM ONLINE:**

Meeting ID: 161 126 4123

Passcode: 062178

<https://sonomacourt-org.zoomgov.com/j/1611264123>

**TO JOIN ZOOM BY PHONE:**

By Phone (same meeting ID and password as listed):

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**Change of Name or Gender**

**1. PETITION OF CHRISTOPHER SALA  
26CV01787**

*TENTATIVE RULING:* APPROVED; no appearance necessary. The Court will sign the proposed order.

**Change of Name or Gender**

**2. PETITION OF MOLLY BULWA  
26CV01830**

*TENTATIVE RULING: MINOR ONLY ONE PARENT PETITIONING OTHER PARENT NOT SERVED--*Matter is CONTINUED to **August 26, 2026 at 3:00 pm in Department 17** for Petitioner to file Proof of Service to the other parent or file a Declaration of Diligent search. Here, the petition is brought only by one parent. CCP section 1277(a)(4) requires that where “the other parent, if living, does not join in consenting thereto, the petitioner shall cause, not less than 30 days before the hearing, to be served notice of the time and place of the hearing or a copy of the order to show cause on the other parent pursuant to Section 413.10 , 414.10 , 415.10 , or

415.40.” These sections address service of a summons which must generally be personally served. If the petitioner has grounds for believing such service cannot reasonably be accomplished and another method will result in actual notice, a supplemental declaration with those facts should be filed at least 5 court days before the hearing.

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**Change of Name or Gender**

**3. PETITION OF NADIA KING  
26CV01963**

*TENTATIVE RULING:* APPROVED; no appearance necessary. The Court will sign the proposed order.

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**Change of Name or Gender**

**4. PETITION OF STEVEN HOBAUGH, CARMELLA HOBOUGH  
26CV01736**

*TENTATIVE RULING:* APPROVED; no appearance necessary. The Court will sign the proposed order.

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