

**Superior Court of California  
County of Solano**

**Rule 1 – Consolidation and Direct Calendaring**

**1.1 CONSOLIDATION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY COURTS**

The Solano County Superior Court, the Northern Solano Municipal Court, and the Vallejo Benicia Municipal Court, having consolidated all of the courts in Solano County under the direction and control of one presiding judge hereby adopt these consolidated local rules pursuant to California Government Code section 68070. Hereafter in these rules the consolidated courts of Solano County shall be referred to as the Solano County Courts.

*(Rule 1.1 adopted effective January 1, 1998.)*

**1.2 DIVISIONS OF THE COURT**

Effective January 1, 1998, the Solano County Courts shall be divided into three divisions: the Criminal Division, the Civil Division and the Family Division. The presiding judge shall be the supervising judge of the Criminal Division with the supervising judges of the other divisions being appointed by the presiding judge.

*(Rule 1.2 adopted effective January 1, 1998.)*

**1.3 DESIGNATION OF CASES TO DIVISIONS**

The Criminal Division shall be responsible for all felony criminal cases. The Civil Division shall be responsible for all civil cases regardless of whether the cases involve the jurisdiction of the superior court or the municipal court. The Family Division shall be responsible for all family law cases, probate cases, mental health cases, adoption cases, and juvenile cases. The balance of cases in the court which include misdemeanor criminal cases, traffic infraction cases, small claims cases, unlawful detainer cases, and extraordinary writs shall be assigned to the various judicial officers as deemed appropriate by the presiding judge.

*(Rule 1.3 adopted effective January 1, 1998.)*

**1.4 DIRECT CALENDARING**

All civil cases and all criminal cases pending in the Solano County Courts on January 1, 1998, and filed after January 1, 1998, shall be directly calendared to be heard by one judge for all purposes. Cases that are pending in 1997 and are thereafter set to be heard for any hearing in 1998 shall be assigned to a judge for all purposes at the time of setting the matter for hearing in 1998. These rules anticipate that many of the assignments to one judge for all purposes will be accomplished in open court at the hearing when the

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matter is assigned to a hearing date. The name of the judge shall be announced in open court and shall be deemed adequate and appropriate notice to the parties and attorneys present of the assignment for all purposes.

*(Rule 1.4 adopted effective January 1, 1998.)*

**1.5 CASES OTHER THAN FELONY CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CASES**

All cases other than felony criminal cases and civil cases are subject to the assignment of the presiding judge, or of supervising judges as delegated by the presiding judge.

*(Rule 1.5 adopted effective January 1, 1998.)*

**1.6 REASSIGNMENT UPON DISQUALIFICATION OF JUDGE**

When a judge is disqualified, either on a peremptory challenge, for cause, or by the judge's own determination, the matter shall be referred to the presiding judge for reassignment. The reassignment shall be made by the presiding judge, or the supervising judge of the division, upon the delegation of that authority by the presiding judge.

*(Rule 1.6 adopted effective January 1, 1998.)*

**1.7 CIVIL CASE RULES AND CRIMINAL CASE RULES**

The specific rules that address the direct calendaring of felony criminal cases are set out in RULE 2 of these rules. The specific rules that address the direct calendaring of civil cases are set out in RULE 3 of these rules.

*(Rule 1.7 adopted effective January 1, 1998.)*