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Greetings Tulare County Family Law Community,

On behalf of Presiding Judge Nathan Ide, and your entire Family Law bench, we wish to provide all of you with the following updates.

Welcome Judge Jason Taylor

Effective October 6, 2025, Judge Jason Taylor will be presiding in Department 13. Unless Judge Taylor is otherwise recused, matters in which the Petitioner's last name begins with G-H or L-O will be assigned to him for all purposes as of that date.

Pending matters within this alpha that have been moved to Departments 8, 9 or any other department due to a disqualification entered against Judge Wolfe may be returned to Department 13 in the discretion of the judge who is currently handling the matter. If such pending matters are being transferred back to Department 13, notice will be provided in writing.

The court is working to enter Judge Taylor's recusal as to any family law matters in which he was the attorney for a party. As you can imagine, this is a large number of cases.

A copy of the Court's Judicial Assignment and Calendar Changes is being provided with this correspondence.

Welcome Judge Russell Burke

Judge Russell Burke is being assigned to Department 7 to handle the civil calendar, which includes long-cause family law cases where the Petitioner's last name ends in E, I, M-Q, and T-Z.

Additionally, the family law bench has received numerous complaints from our civil judges regarding matters being sent to them for long-cause hearings that are not ready to be tried or are not actually long-cause matters. We are in the process of reviewing our procedures for matters being set on the long-cause calendar to ensure that cases are fully prepared to go before they are set on the long-cause calendar.

Porterville Family Law News

Effective October 6, 2025, Judge Douglas Rodgers will be assigned as the back-up family law judge for matters Judge Roper is unable to hear.

Effective October 6, 2025, Judge Glade Roper will be presiding in Department 17 and Judge Rodgers will be presiding in Department 21.

Many Thanks to Judge Robin Wolfe.

We are incredibly thankful to Judge Robin Wolfe for the work she has done on behalf of the families of Tulare County during her assignment in Department 13, and we wish her the very best of luck in her new assignment.

We appreciate your time in reviewing this information and hope you will find it to be helpful.

Kindest regards,

Hon. Tara K. James

Presiding Family Law Judge
Tulare County Superior Court