Important Information for Tentative Rulings and Hearings:

	1.	Please review and follow the Tentative Ruling Instructions which can be found on the Court's website
		using the following link: <u>https://sf.courts.ca.gov/divisions/unified-family-court/ufc-tentative-rulings</u> .
	2.	If you wish to make an objection to the Tentative Ruling in your case, you must notify the other party
		(unless there is a restraining order in place) and the Court Clerk in the Department where the hearing
		is scheduled of your objection by 4:00 PM the Court day prior to the hearing date. Court days do not
		include Court holidays, Saturdays, or Sundays. The Court's Holiday Schedule can be found on the
		Court's website using the following link: <u>https://sf.courts.ca.gov/general-information/holiday-</u>
		schedules.
	3.	To contact the Court Clerk in Dept. 403 to make an objection to the Tentative Ruling in your
		case, please call (415) 551–3741 or send an email to <u>Department403@sftc.org</u> .
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		case, please call (415) 551–3744 or send an email to Department404@sftc.org.
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		specify the paragraph(s) and / or line number(s) of the Tentative Ruling which contains the language
		to which you object.
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		11.7(D)(4), if you choose to appear by video or phone, you must be continuously connected to Zoom
		from 8:50 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. or until your hearing is concluded. If you fail to appear in-person, by
		video, or phone, the Court may proceed with the hearing in your absence. The Court is not required to
		contact you before your hearing.
	7.	If you choose to appear by video or by phone, you must comply with the Notice and Instructions for
		Remote Appearances in San Francisco Family Court set forth below.
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1	SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT UNIFIED FAMILY COURT		
2	NOTICE AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOTE APPEARANCES		
3	You may appear at your court hearing either (1) in-person or (2) remotely by video or telephone. If		
4 5	you fail to appear in-person or remotely by video or telephone, the court may proceed with the hearing in your absence. <i>The clerk will NOT contact you</i> . Remote appearances by video or telephone can be made utilizing the ZOOM platform, effective January 2, 2024 :		
6	 If you are <i>joining by video</i>, go to www.zoom.com/join and follow the instructions below: 		
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8	 Type in the Meeting ID (<i>see below for department Meeting IDs and Passcodes</i>) and click "Join". Click "Launch Meeting" then "Open zoom.us". 		
9 10	 Zoom will launch and you will be asked for the Meeting Passcode. <i>Enter the passcode for your Meeting ID for the respective department for your court hearing.</i> Enable your camera and click "Join". 		
11	 Once you join, a prompt to use computer audio will appear, click "Join with Computer Audio". Once your full first and last name TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF TO THE COURT. 		
12	• Using headphones may help you hear more clearly.		
13 14	• If you are <i>joining by phone</i> , dial 1-(669)254-5252 or 1-(669)216-1590 and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode as described below.		
15	Department 403		
16	Meeting ID: 161 463 0304		
17	Passcode: 114482		
18	You can also log into your hearing directly using the link below: https://sftc-org.zoomgov.com/j/1614630304?pwd=OTZ1cVZaQIRYWXpFQ2hTaEFuZnhIZz09		
19	Department 404		
20	Meeting ID: 161 305 3325		
24	Passcode: 282709 You can also log into your hearing directly using the link below:		
21 22	https://sftc-org.zoomgov.com/j/1613053325?pwd=SkdXWGVkQkowckJSNnJwSSttYkR6dz09		
23	When you join the hearing on Zoom:		
	1. You are to mute your audio when you are not speaking.		
24	2. State your name before you speak for proper identification to the court and for all the parties in your case. Only one person MUST speak at a time.		
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26	PROHIBITION ON RECORDING: Do not record the hearing in any way. Any recording of a court		
27	proceeding, <i>including screen shots, other visual or audio copying</i> of the hearing, is prohibited. Any violation is punishable to the fullest extent under the law, including but not limited to monetary sanctions		
28	up to \$1,000, restricted entry to future hearings, or other sanctions deemed appropriate by the court. For		
29	more information		

1	SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA		
2	COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO		
3	UNIFIED FAMILY COURT		
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6	JABARI MAGNUS,	Case Number: FDI-17-788961	
7	Petitioner	Hearing Date: April 25, 2024	
8	VS.	Hearing Time: 9:00 AM	
9	DIVALI MAGNUS,	Department: 403	
10	Respondent	Presiding: RUSSELL S. ROECA	
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12	REQUEST FOR ORDER : THE EDUCATIONAL A	ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MINOR CHIDREN	
13	TENTATIV	/E RULING	
14	Having read and considered the pleadings, declarations, and other evidence submitted in this matter, the		
15	Court makes the following findings and orders:		
16	This Court has jurisdiction to make child custody orders in this case under the Uniform Child		
17	Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.		
18	School Choice		
19	This matter is on calendar for Petitioner Father's ex p	parte request for temporary emergency order on	
20	change of the educational arrangements for the minor child, Luca, filed on February 21, 2024. Father		
21	requested the Court order Mother to cooperate in enr	olling Luca in Crossroads for the 2024-2025	
22	academic year. Father states it is the utmost important	nce for Luca as he is thriving academically and in	
23	Varsity sports.		
24	On February 22, 2024 Respondent Mother filed her r	responsive declaration indicating no opposition to	
25	Luca's continuation at Crossroads but requesting Fat	her pay a greater allocation of the expense. Mother	
26	also indicated her intention to move to Los Angeles.		
27	On February 22, 2024 the Court ordered the parties to	o sign the Crossroad's Contract for the school year	
28	2024-2025 and Father shall pay the initial deposit by	February 23, 2024. The issue of allocation of tuition	
29	was reserved to be heard on April 25, 2024.		

Since the filing the requested orders have been morphed into requests for school choice regarding both
 minor children given Mother's decision to move to Los Angeles given her belief the move is in the best
 interest of the two children.

On March 27, 2024 Father filed a supplemental declaration in support of his request for order for the educational arrangements for the minor children. Father states that Jaeger is opposed to the move to Los Angeles and wants to remain in the Bay Area to complete the 8th grade at the San Francisco School where he has attended since pre-Kindergarten. Father also strongly believes Jaeger should attend Crossroads with his brother Luca. Father requests an order that Mother work with Father on the application process for Jaeger to attend Crossroads in the 2024-2025 school year. Mother wants Jaeger to apply to public schools. Father notes this contrasts with the children's history of attending private schools. Mother filed an additional declaration on April 2, 2024. She states that Luca in 2023 decided to move to Los Angeles and attend Loyola High School in Los Angeles. She states that Luca now intends to enroll in Redondo High School for his senior year.

On April 4, 2024 Father filed a supplemental declaration. Among other things he states that it is not true that Luca is going to attend Redondo High School and strongly asserts it would not be in his best interests.

Father filed yet another declaration on April 4, 2024 accusing Mother of perjury with respect to her
statement of personal service upon Father when he states it he was not personally served. He requests
Mother's RFO be dismissed based upon her alleged perjury. Mother filed her declaration explaining how
service was effected. Father's request is denied.

On April 15, 2024 Mother filed another declaration.

The Court notes the Judgment entered on July 29, 2022 at page 2 section 2.B states: "Future enrollment in private school after the 2020/2021 school year shall be subject to agreement of the Parties."

4 Unfortunately, the parties do not agree.

As to Luca, Mother agrees to Father's choice of Crossroads provided Father pays the tuition. Otherwise, Mother is agreeable to either Redondo High School or Culver High School, both public schools. The same appears to hold true as to Jaeger as Father wishes to have both children at Crossroads. Mother is agreeable If Father is willing to pay the tuition. However, Mother otherwise proposes Jaeger's enrollment in public schools in Los Angeles. The Court hereby picks Father to make the decision as to which schools the children will attend. If Father
selects the private schools, which would be a good choice for both children, Father shall be responsible
for 100% tuition for both children. Otherwise, Father may choose the public school options at his
discretion.

5 Financial Issues

Mother's RFO

A. Procedural History

 On for hearing is Mother's 2/22/2024 Request for Order to recalculate the allocation of add-on expenses as per the 7/29/2022 judgment which noted the allocation would be recalculated when spousal support terminated. Mother requests that percentage to now reflect Father 73.5% and Mother 26.5%.
 Mother also requests this to include travel costs.

2. On 4/4/2024, Father filed a Declaration in support of request for order for dismissal of Mother's RFO on grounds of improper service and perjury. Father states he was in New York at the time of the purported service. Father has actual notice of the RFO as he responds to the argument Mother made for reallocation on page 4-6 of 7, of his 4/4/2024 Supplemental Declaration.

3. On 4/15/2024, Mother filed an Update Declaration stating that her Mother, placed the RFO documents in Father's mailbox and she also emailed him. Mother also requests the allocation recalculation to reflect 80% Father and 20% Mother, for all add-on expenses subject to the Family Code section 4061(b) allocation retroactive to the filing date of 2/22/2024. Mother states Father has made over a million dollars per year over the past few years due to large bonuses he receives.

4. On 4/15/2024, Father filed a Supplemental Declaration asking the Court to keep the current addon rates of 60% Father and 40% Mother and requesting the Court consider that Mother has greater earning potential.

B. Findings and Orders

 The parties filed a new stipulation and order on 12/28/2023, after Mother's spousal support ended, which reflects the new % combined spendable as being Father 58.5% and Mother 41.5%.
 Mother's RFO is denied. Pursuant to the order in Father's RFO below, the allocation will remain

60% Father and 40% Mother for all add-on expenses.

Father's RFO

I	A. Procedural E	listory
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On for hearing is Father's 2/23/2024 Request for Order for the Court to maintain the 6/27/2020
 ruling with regard to tuition expenses with Father paying for 60% and Mother paying 40% of the tuition
 costs.

5 2. On 2/22/2024, the Court issued an ex parte order stating that the allocation of tuition was
6 advanced to 4/25/2024. The matter was then advanced to 4/9/2024 by the agreement of the parties.

3. On 3/27/2024, Father filed a Supplemental Declaration.

8 4. On 4/2/2024, Mother filed a Responsive Declaration stating she anticipates a move to Los
9 Angeles and becoming unemployed for a period of time, which would mean she will have no income and
10 the tuition costs for both children exceeds \$100,000 annually.

On 4/4/2024 Father provided another Supplemental Declaration requesting the Court keep the
 Court ordered add-on expense allocation percentages the same.

13 6. On 4/9/2024, the matter was continued on the Court's own motion to 4/25/2024 at 9:00AM in
14 Dept. 403.

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B. Findings and Orders

1. Father's RFO for him to continue paying for 60% and Mother 40% of tuition cost is granted for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Pursuant to the school ruling above, should father decide that the children will attend private school for the 2024-2025 school year, he will be \$100% responsible for the tuition costs.

1	SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA		
2	COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO		
3	UNIFIED FAMILY COURT		
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6	KALVIN BISHOP,	Case Number: FDI-19-791462	
7	Petitioner	Hearing Date: April 25, 2024	
8	VS.	Hearing Time: 9:00 AM	
9	NANCY EDUARDO,	Department: 403	
10	Respondent	Presiding: RUSSELL S. ROECA	
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12	OTHER REVIEW HEARING		
13	TENTATIV	/E RULING	
14	This Court has jurisdiction to make child custody	orders in this case under the Uniform Child	
15	Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.		
16	1. On July 12, 2023 Respondent Mother filed h	er Request for change in child custody and visitation	
17	with the two minor children, Kalvin (DOB: 9.2.10) a	nd Kylie (DOB: 4.7.17). Mother requested joint legal	
18	and joint physical custody of both children. She requested parenting time with Kylie every Sunday at 8		
19	pm until Wednesday before school with parents to alternate weekends. Mother requests parenting time		
20	with Kalvin according to Kalvin's needs.		
21	2. Currently Petitioner Father has temporary so	le legal and temporary sole physical custody based	
22	upon the Findings and Orders filed on September 22, 2021 after hearing on September 9, 2021.		
23	3. This matter was on calendar on November 1.	5, 2023 and continued for review on February 8,	
24	2024. Both Parties filed update declarations.		
25	4. Both Parties acknowledged failed efforts to p	participate in mediation.	
26	5. The Court ordered the Parties to contact Fam	nily Court Services to participate in mediation of the	
27	custody and parenting time.		
28	6. This matter was continued to April 25, 2024	. Both parties were ordered to file and serve update	
29	declarations. Neither party has done so.		

1	7. The parties have not participated in FCS mediation as ordered at the hearing on February 8, 2024.
2	8. This matter is ordered off calendar.
3	9. All orders currently in effect not inconsistent with this order shall remain in full force and effect.
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6	CHRISTOFFER STANFORD THYGESEN,)) Case Number: FDV-19-814465	
7	Petitioner) Hearing Date: April 25, 2024	
8	VS.)) Hearing Time: 9:00 AM	
9	KAILIN WANG,)) Department: 403	
10	Respondent)) Presiding: RUSSELL S. ROECA	
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12	TENTATIV	VE RULING	
13	Having read and considered the pleadings, declaration	ons, and other evidence submitted in this matter, the	
14	Court makes the following findings and orders:		
15	Appearances required. The parties may appear in-person, by video, or by phone. If a party chooses		
16	to appear by video or by phone, that party must abide by the Notice and Instructions for Remote		
17	Appearances in San Francisco Family Court set forth above. Parties have mediation with Celia		
18	Wang at 9:00AM .		
19	This Court has jurisdiction to make child custody orders in this case under the Uniform Child		
20	Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.		
21	<u>-First Calendar Issues</u>		
22	8/25/2023 RFO #1 Change of visitation, Permission to use another professional supervisor, Increase		
23	in parenting time from 4 hours to 24 hours		
24	Appearances required.		
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26	7/31/2023 RFO #2 Change of child custody and vi	sitation, Request for court appointed custody	
27	evaluation		
28	Appearances required.		
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1	1/8/2024 RFO #3 Change of child custody, Thygesen failed to make the child available for over 16
2	ordered video visitation
3	Appearances required.
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5	2/21/2024 RFO #4 Change of visitation, req for court order, Rally/ACAFS Reports
6	Appearances required.
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8	-Second Calendar Issues
9	12/5/2023 RFO #1 Emergency Orders: Request for 217 hearing on custody/visitation/name change
10	Appearances required.
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13	10/25/2023 RFO #2 Change of Attorney Fees and Costs, Refile of RFO
14	A. Procedural History
15	1. On for hearing is Respondent's 10/25/2023 "Re-file" Request for Order for the disbursement of
16	the remainder of the $5/23/2023$ fee award to an attorney of her choosing.
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18 19	2. On $11/15/2023$ Petitioner filed a Responsive Declaration stating that request was found to be
20	moot by the Court on $8/23/2024$ and he no longer has the ability to pay.
20	3. On 11/28/2024, the matter was continued to 12/28/2024.
22	4. On 12/28/2024, the matter was continued to 2/2/2024.
23	5. On 2/2/2024, the matter was continued to 4/25/2024.
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25	B. Findings and Orders
26	1. The matter is continued to 6/25/2024 for Respondent to serve and file an accounting and trust
27	account balance from her prior counsel, K. Morgan. Respondent shall also provide a letter from an
28	attorney who is willing to represent her with the balance of the funds.
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9/27/2023 RFO #3 Change Issue Deposition Subpoena

A. Procedural History

1. On for hearing is Respondent's 9/27/2024 Request for Order to issue deposition subpoenas.

2. On 11/28/2023, Petitioner filed a Responsive Declaration requesting the Court deny Respondent's vague request.

- 3. On 11/20/2023, the matter was continued to 12/7/2023.
- 4. On 11/28/2023, the matter was continued to 12/28/2023.

5. On 12/7/2023, the matter was continued to 2/2/2024 due to Respondent challenging Judge Roeca.

On 1/24/2024, the matter was continued to 4/25/2024.

|| B. Findings and Orders

1. Respondent's vague request to issue deposition subpoenas is denied.

9/27/2023 RFO #4 Change ACAFS Subpoena & Deposition

A. Procedural History

1. On for hearing is Respondent's 9/27/2024 Request for Order for ACAFS subpoena and deposition. Respondent requests to subpoena Utah Supervised Video ACAFS records, a deposition of ACAFS Supervisor to include communications from the parties about supervised visitation, and deposition subpoenas for the testimony of Terry and Emma Thygesen. Respondent filed a declaration in support of the request on 9/25/2023.

2. On 11/13/2024, Petitioner filed a Responsive Declaration stating Respondent's request to to depose ACAFS Supervisors should be denied and the request to serve deposition subpoenas on Terry and Emma Thygesen should be denied, or limited to (i) their supervision of the minor child during video visits; and (ii) Respondent's allegations that the child has been coached to make false statements, and limit the scope of any such subpoena to a set of written interrogatories, as opposed to an oral deposition.

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1	2.	On 11/20/2023, the matter was continued to 12/7/2023.
2 3	3.	On 11/28/2023, the matter was continued to 12/28/2023.
4	4.	On $12/7/2023$, the matter was continued to $2/2/2024$ due to Respondent challenging Judge Roeca.
5	5.	On 1/24/2024, the matter was continued to 4/25/2024.
6 7	В.	Findings and Orders
7 8 9	1. and is c	Respondent's request to depose ACAFS Supervisors is denied as it is not adequately described overly broad.
9 10 11 12	3. to the to	Petitioner may serve a set of written interrogatories on Terry and Emma Thygesen, that is limited opics of: (i) their supervision of the minor child during video visits; and (ii) Respondent's ons that the child has been coached to make false statements.
13 14 15 16		Respondent's other requests are moot, as the Court ordered the production of the supervised on reports from Rally Visitation Services and supervised visitation reports from ACAFS, which the parties' communication with staff.
17 18 19		2023 RFO #5 Change of Attorney's Fees and Costs, Deposition Costs
20 21 22	1. costs.	On for hearing is Respondent's 10/18/2023 Request for Order for \$7,500 in attorney's fees and
23 24 25 26	of attor	On 11/13/2023, Petitioner filed a Responsive Declaration in Opposition, requesting the Court espondent's RFO because she submitted an incomplete income and expense declaration, an award ney's fees under Family Code section 7605 is inappropriate due to her litigation tactics and or, there is no discernable disparity in access, and because Petitioner lost his job.
27 28	3.	On $11/20/2024$, the matter was continued to $12/7/2023$.
29	4.	On 11/28/2024, the matter was continued to 12/28/2023.

On 12/6/2024, the matter was continued to 2/2/2024 due to Respondent challenging Judge Roeca. On 1/24/2024, the matter was continued to 4/25/2024.

B. Findings and Orders

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1. Petitioner's 4/12/2024 Income and Expense Declaration states that he is unemployed and also receiving unemployment compensation, public assistance, and paying \$500 per month in rent. Respondent's 4/19/2024 Income and Expense Declaration states she is unemployed, receiving public assistance, and living for free with her parents.

2. Judge Flores' 5/11/2023 order held that the reasonableness of Respondent's litigation conduct from that point forward, would likely carry great weight in the Court's analysis of any future requests for section 7605 fees. Since that point in time, Respondent's litigation conduct has been inappropriate.

3. An award of attorney's fees and costs is not appropriate. There is a disparity in access to funds to retain counsel, and Petitioner is not able to pay for the legal representation of both parties. The findings do not demonstrate a disparity in access and ability to pay.

4. Respondent's request for order is denied.

11/29/2023 RFO #6 Change Yelp Subpoenas

A. Procedural History

On 11/29/2023 Respondent filed a Request for Order to subpoena Yelp to rebut allegations made 1. by Petitioner that she posted reviews on his counsel's Yelp page. Respondent filed a declaration on 11/13/2023 in support of the request.

2. On 12/6/2023, the matter was continued on the Court's own motion to 2/2/2024 due to Respondent's challenge to Judge Roeca.

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3. On 1/22/2024, Petitioner filed a Responsive Declaration stating the Court should deny the RFO or in the alternative, limit the subpoena and have it served by both parties.

4. On 1/24/2024 the matter was continued on the Court's own motion to 4/25/2024.

B. Findings and Orders

1.Respondent's request to subpoena Yelp is not adequately described and is overly broad. Thus,Petitioner's request to quash the RFO on those grounds is granted.

1/22/2024 RFO # 7 Change of Motion in Limine

A. Procedural History

1. On for hearing is Respondent's 1/22/2024 Request for Order for motion in limine to exclude any and all evidence and hearsay evidence contained in the reports by reports by J. Reid Meloy, Molly Amman, and Stephanie Leite under CRC 5.220, CRC 5.235, Family Code section 3025.5, Evidence Code 1200, and *People v. Sanchez* (2016) 63 Cal.4th 665.

2. On 3/21/2024 Petitioner filed a Responsive Declaration requesting the Court deny Respondent's RFO because it is procedurally deficient as there is no box checked to indicate what type of order Respondent is requesting and because Respondent failed to identify any specific statements or evidence in the reports that she seeks to exclude or provided any basis to exclude "all" of the evidence.

On 3/22/2024 Respondent filed a Reply declaration.

4. At the hearing on 4/4/2024, the matter was continued to 4/25/2024 because Respondent filed a 170.1 challenge.

|| B. Findings and Orders

1. Respondent's motion is denied as the request is overbroad not specific. All hearsay objections are preserved to be raised at the time of trial.

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Counsel for Petitioner shall prepare all orders. Preparation of Order: If you are directed by the court to prepare the order after hearing - within 10 calendar days of the hearing you must either: (a) Serve the proposed order to the other party/counsel for approval, and follow the procedures set forth in CA Rules of Court, Rule 5.125(c), or (b) If the other party did not appear or the matter was uncontested, submit the proposed order after hearing directly to the court. Failure to submit the order after hearing within 10 days may allow the other party to prepare a proposed order and submit it to the court in accordance with CA Rules of Court, Rule 5.125(d).