

1 **Important Information for Tentative Rulings and Hearings:**

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- 3 1. Please review and follow the Tentative Ruling Instructions which can be found on the Court’s website
- 4 using the following link: <https://sf.courts.ca.gov/divisions/unified-family-court/ufc-tentative-rulings>.
- 5 2. If you wish to make an objection to the Tentative Ruling in your case, you must notify the other party
- 6 (unless there is a restraining order in place) and the Court Clerk in the Department where the hearing
- 7 is scheduled of your objection by 4:00 PM the Court day prior to the hearing date. Court days do not
- 8 include Court holidays, Saturdays, or Sundays. The Court’s Holiday Schedule can be found on the
- 9 Court’s website using the following link: [https://sf.courts.ca.gov/general-information/holiday-](https://sf.courts.ca.gov/general-information/holiday-schedules)
- 10 [schedules](https://sf.courts.ca.gov/general-information/holiday-schedules).
- 11 3. To contact the Court Clerk in Dept. 403 to make an objection to the Tentative Ruling in your
- 12 case, please call (415) 551–3741 or send an email to [Department403@sftc.org](mailto:Department403@sftc.org).
- 13 4. To contact the Court Clerk in Dept. 404 to make an objection to the Tentative Ruling in your
- 14 case, please call (415) 551–3744 or send an email to [Department404@sftc.org](mailto:Department404@sftc.org).
- 15 5. When you contact the Court Clerk to make an objection to the Tentative Ruling in your case, please
- 16 specify the paragraph(s) and / or line number(s) of the Tentative Ruling which contains the language
- 17 to which you object.
- 18 6. You may appear at your hearing either (a) in-person; (b) by video; or (c) by phone. Pursuant to SFLR
- 19 11.7(D)(4), if you choose to appear by video or phone, you must be continuously connected to Zoom
- 20 from 8:50 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. or until your hearing is concluded. If you fail to appear in-person, by
- 21 video, or phone, the Court may proceed with the hearing in your absence. The Court is not required to
- 22 contact you before your hearing.
- 23 7. If you choose to appear by video or by phone, you must comply with the Notice and Instructions for
- 24 Remote Appearances in San Francisco Family Court set forth below.
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1 **SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT**  
2 **UNIFIED FAMILY COURT**  
3 **NOTICE AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOTE APPEARANCES**

4 You may appear at your court hearing either (1) in-person or (2) remotely by video or telephone. If  
5 you fail to appear in-person or remotely by video or telephone, the court may proceed with the hearing  
6 in your absence. *The clerk will NOT contact you.* Remote appearances by video or telephone can be  
7 made utilizing the ZOOM platform, effective January 2, 2024:

- 8 • If you are *joining by video*, go to [www.zoom.com/join](http://www.zoom.com/join) and follow the instructions below:
  - 9 ○ Type in the Meeting ID (*see below for department Meeting IDs and Passcodes*) and click "Join".
  - 10 ○ Click "Launch Meeting" then "Open zoom.us".
  - 11 ○ Zoom will launch and you will be asked for the Meeting Passcode. *Enter the passcode for your*
  - 12 *Meeting ID for the respective department for your court hearing.*
  - 13 ○ Enable your camera and click "Join".
  - 14 ○ Once you join, a prompt to use computer audio will appear, click "Join with Computer Audio".
  - 15 ○ ***Enter your full first and last name TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF TO THE COURT.***
  - 16 ○ Using headphones may help you hear more clearly.
- 17 • If you are *joining by phone*, dial 1-(669)254-5252 or 1-(669)216-1590 and enter the Meeting ID and  
18 Passcode as described below.

19 **Department 403**  
20 **Meeting ID: 161 463 0304**  
21 **Passcode: 114482**

22 You can also log into your hearing **directly** using the link below:  
23 <https://sftc-org.zoomgov.com/j/1614630304?pwd=OTZ1cVZaQIRYWXPfQ2hTaEFuZnhIZz09>

24 **Department 404**  
25 **Meeting ID: 161 305 3325**  
26 **Passcode: 282709**

27 You can also log into your hearing **directly** using the link below:  
28 <https://sftc-org.zoomgov.com/j/1613053325?pwd=SkdXWGVkQkowckJSNnJwSSSttYkR6dz09>

29 When you join the hearing on Zoom:

1. **You are to mute your audio when you are not speaking.**
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.

30 **PROHIBITION ON RECORDING:** **Do not record the hearing in any way.** Any recording of a court  
31 proceeding, *including screen shots, other visual or audio copying* of the hearing, is **prohibited**. Any  
32 violation is punishable to the fullest extent under the law, including but not limited to monetary sanctions  
33 up to \$1,000, restricted entry to future hearings, or other sanctions deemed appropriate by the court. For  
34 more information

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2 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
3 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
4 UNIFIED FAMILY COURT  
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7 CARMEN AGUILAR,  
8 Petitioner

9 VS.

10 JAMES HERNANDEZ,  
11 Respondent

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) Case Number: FMS-10-386064

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) Hearing Date: April 23, 2024

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) Hearing Time: 9:00 AM

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) Department: 403

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) Presiding: RUSSELL S. ROECA  
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13 OTHER REVIEW HEARING

14 **TENTATIVE RULING**

15 Having read and considered the pleadings, declarations, and other evidence submitted in this matter, the  
16 Court makes the following findings and orders:

17 **This Court has jurisdiction to make child custody orders in this case under the Uniform Child**  
18 **Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.**

19 1. This matter is on review of the status of visitation and consideration of a step up in visitation  
20 provided the visitation reports remain positive and Respondent Father provides the Court with written  
21 evidence of Father's participation in substance abuse programs. Mother has temporary sole legal and sole  
22 physical custody of the minor, Viviana (DOB: 6.22.09). See FOAH filed on April 4, 2023.

23 2. Mother filed her update declaration on April 9, 2024. Mother states the visits have been going  
24 well. Mother has not been served with Father's update declaration from the last hearing and requests  
25 Father to ordered to serve her with his declarations. Mother notes Viviana is thriving on her current  
26 schedule. She is freshman class president and re-elected for next year. She is on honor roll with a 3.88  
27 GPA. She is volunteering. Mother requests the current schedule to remain in place.  
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3. The Court has not received an update from Father. Should Father request any modifications to the current schedule he shall file a new request for order and comply with the order as set forth in paragraph 1 above.

4. This matter is ordered off calendar.

5. All prior orders not inconsistent with this order shall remain in full force and effect.

6. The Court will prepare the order.

1 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
2 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
3 UNIFIED FAMILY COURT  
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6 SIOBHAN LALIBERTE,

7 Petitioner

8 VS.

9 CARLOS CORUJO,

10 Respondent

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) Case Number: FMS-14-386596

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) Hearing Date: April 23, 2024

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) Hearing Time: 9:00 AM

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) Department: 403

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) Presiding: RUSSELL S. ROECA  
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12 REQUEST FOR ORDER OF TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDER, VISITATION (PARENTING  
13 TIME)

14 **TENTATIVE RULING**

15 Having read and considered the pleadings, declarations, and other evidence submitted in this matter, the  
16 Court makes the following findings and orders:

17 **This Court has jurisdiction to make child custody orders in this case under the Uniform Child**  
18 **Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.**

19 1. On January 30, 2024 Respondent Father filed a request for emergency orders regarding visitation  
20 (parenting time) with the minor child, Joaquin (DOB: 12.25.13). Father requests supervised visitation.  
21 Mother currently has visitation from pickup from school on Friday to 2 p.m. on Sunday. Father has sole  
22 legal and physical custody. See FOAH filed on May 3, 2022.

23 2. Father states that Petitioner Mother was committed on a 5150 for mental health issues in  
24 December 2023 and reported CPS indicated she had suicidal and homicidal tendencies. Father reports  
25 Joaquin has been increasingly dysregulated. At one point he was referred to Edgewood. CPS told Father it  
26 would find him negligent if he failed to either have supervised or suspended visitation.

27 3. On January 30, 2024 the Court suspended visitation with Mother pending further hearing and the  
28 Tier 2 investigation of CPS.  
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1 4. The matter was set for mediation but it did not take place due to the pending CPS investigation.  
2 FCS conducted a tier 2 of CPS. CPS stated there should be no visitation with Mother until the  
3 investigation is complete.

4 5. The Court has received no update declarations from the parties.

5 6. The Court is advised that CPS is closing this matter. The parties are ordered to participate in  
6 Family Court Services mediation with Catherine Gerace on May 15, 2024 at 1:30pm.

7 7. This matter will be continued to June 25, 2024 for hearing after mediation in the event the  
8 parties are unable to resolve the issues in mediation. Both parties shall file and serve update declarations  
9 10 days before the hearing.

10 8. All orders currently in effect shall remain in full force and effect.

11 9. The Court will prepare the order.

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1 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
2 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
3 UNIFIED FAMILY COURT  
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6 AUDRA DE LA CRUZ,

7 Petitioner

8 VS.

9 JESUS RAZO VILLANUEVA,

10 Respondent

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) Case Number: FLD-21-396832

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) Hearing Date: April 23, 2024

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) Hearing Time: 9:00 AM

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) Department: 403

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) Presiding: RUSSELL S. ROECA  
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12 OTHER REVIEW HEARING

13 **TENTATIVE 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 1. This matter is on calendar for status of the Tier 2 interview of the minor child, Natalie (DOB:  
19 11.14.09). The Court has reviewed the Tier 2.
- 20 2. Neither party has filed an update declaration.
- 21 3. The Parties shall continue to have joint legal and joint physical custody of Natalie.
- 22 4. This matter is ordered off calendar based upon the parties' failure to file update declarations and  
23 Natalie is doing well.
- 24 5. All prior orders shall remain in full force and effect.
- 25 6. The Court shall prepare the order.
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1 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
2 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
3 UNIFIED FAMILY COURT  
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6 CATHERINE RIEGNER CRANDALL, )  
7 Petitioner ) Case Number: FDI-20-794098  
8 VS. ) Hearing Date: April 23, 2024  
9 JOSHUA SCOTT CRANDALL, ) Hearing Time: 9:00 AM  
10 Respondent ) Department: 403  
11 ) Presiding: RUSSELL S. ROECA  
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13 REQUEST: FOR ORDER ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS, : PET CUSTODY AND ATTORNEYS  
14 FEES AS SANCTIONS

15 **TENTATIVE RULING**

16 Having read and considered the pleadings, declarations, and other evidence submitted in this matter, the  
17 Court makes the following findings and orders:

18 **A. Procedural History**

- 19 1. On for hearing is Respondent's 1/19/2024 Request for Order for pet custody/timeshare and for  
20 attorney's fees under Family Code Section 271. Respondent requests custody of the dog Maya every  
21 Tuesday from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. with pickup and drop-off at a location of Petitioner's choosing pursuant  
22 and two weeks' notice when he is unable to care for the dog, right of first refusal of care for the dog Maya  
23 and cat Luna when Petitioner will be away overnight, and sanctions in the amount of \$7,125.00.
- 24 2. On 1/30/2023 the parties agreed to reschedule the hearing date from 4/11/2024 to 4/23/2024.
- 25 3. On 4/10/2023, Petitioner filed a Responsive Declaration requesting the Court deny Respondent's  
26 request for in its entirety based on lack of jurisdiction, or in the alternative grant Petitioner sole care and  
27 custody pending final adjudication, and for Respondent to pay \$15,000 in Family Code section 271  
28 sanctions. Petitioner states that the Court lacks jurisdiction because the pets belong to the parties'  
29 children. Petitioner states she is caretaking for the animals while the children are away at college, which  
is supported by declarations from both children.



1 4. On 4/16/2024 Respondent filed a Reply reiterating his claims.

2 **B. Findings and Orders**

3 1. Respondent's Request for Order is denied in its entirety. The Court lacks jurisdiction to create an  
4 order for visitation of the pets, as they are owned by the adult children.

5 2. Both parties requests for sanctions are denied.

6 3. Counsel for Petitioner shall prepare the order.

7 4. **Preparation of Order:** If you are directed by the court to prepare the order after hearing – within  
8 10 calendar days of the hearing you must either: (a) Serve the proposed order to the other party/counsel  
9 for approval, and follow the procedures set forth in CA Rules of Court, Rule 5.125(c), or (b) If the other  
10 party did not appear or the matter was uncontested, submit the proposed order after hearing directly to the  
11 court. Failure to submit the order after hearing within 10 days may allow the other party to prepare a  
12 proposed order and submit it to the court in accordance with CA Rules of Court, Rule 5.125(d).

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1 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
2 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
3 UNIFIED FAMILY COURT  
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6 LINH MARTINEZ,

7 Petitioner

8 VS.

9 JASON MARTINEZ,

10 Respondent

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) Case Number: FDI-23-797776

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) Hearing Date: April 23, 2024

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) Hearing Time: 9:00 AM

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) Department: 403

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) Presiding: RUSSELL S. ROECA  
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12 REQUEST FOR ORDER OF CHILD CUSTODY, VISITATION (PARENTING TIME)

13 **TENTATIVE 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 **Appearances required. The parties may appear in-person, by video, or by phone. If a party chooses**  
17 **to appear by video or by phone, that party must abide by the Notice and Instructions for Remote**  
18 **Appearances in San Francisco Family Court set forth above.**

19 **This Court has jurisdiction to make child custody orders in this case under the Uniform Child**  
20 **Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.**

21 **Custody/Visitation**

- 22 1. The Parties through Counsel are ordered to meet and confer regarding a proposed parenting plan  
23 for the minor children, Liam (DOB: 5.2.16) and Lola (DOB: 11.18.18). Appearances  
24 Required.

25 **Other**

26 **A. Procedural History**

- 27 1. On for hearing is Respondent's 2/16/2024 Request for Order to seal Exhibits 3 and 4 of the Wendy Lun  
28 Declaration filed 12/27/2023, because they contain the parties and their children's social security numbers  
29 and other financial account numbers. Counsel Wendy Lun filed a Declaration stating that she filed a

1 Declaration on 12/27/2023 in Support of Respondent’s Motion to Compel that inadvertently contained  
2 identifiers of the parties and their children at Exhibits 3 and 4.

3 **B. Findings and Orders**

4 1. Respondent’s RFO for an order to seal Exhibits 3 and 4 is denied.

5 2. Exhibits 3 and 4 of Wendy Lun’s 12/27/2023 Declaration, are ordered stricken.

6 3. Counsel Wendy Lun is to serve and refile Exhibits 3 and 4 with only the social security numbers  
7 and financial account numbers redacted, by 5/7/2024. No other information shall be redacted.

8 4. Counsel for Respondent shall prepare the order.

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

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