

THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LASSEN

GENERAL ORDER
2012-05

JUVENILE DEPENDENCY RETAINED COUNSEL


This General Order supercedes Lassen Superior Court Local Rule 3C(4) and will be incorporated into the Local Rules at a later date.

Any attorney who appears before the court in a dependency case who does not meet the minimum standards of training or experience shall notify the court to that effect. In such case the court shall order, except in cases where a party is represented by retained counsel, that certified counsel be substituted for the attorney who does not possess the required training. In the case of retained counsel, the party who has retained counsel shall file a written waiver with the court, stating that they understand their counsel has failed to meet the minimum standards required by these rules and they in fact waive their counsel's failure to meet the minimum standards required by these rules. The determination whether to obtain substitute private counsel shall be solely within the discretion of the party.

This General Order supercedes Lassen Superior Court Local Rule 3D(4) and will be incorporated into the Local Rules at a later date.

When a certified attorney fails to submit evidence that he or she has completed at least the minimum required training and education to the court by the due date, the court shall notify the attorney that he or she will be decertified. That attorney shall have 20 days from the date of mailing of the notice to submit evidence of his or her completion of the required training or education. If the attorney fails to submit the required evidence or fails to complete the required minimum hours of continuing training or education, the court shall order, except in cases where a party is represented by retained counsel, that certified counsel be substituted for the attorney who fails to complete the required training. In the case of retained counsel, the party who has retained counsel shall file a written waiver with the court, stating that they understand their counsel has failed to meet the minimum standards required by these rules and they in fact waive their counsel's failure to meet the minimum standards required by these rules. The determination whether to obtain substitute counsel shall be solely within the discretion of the party.

Dated: 10/18/12


Michele Verderosa

Assistant Presiding Judge of the Superior Court