



Custody Cases

- 1 File and personally serve petition to establish a Parental Relationship. → WAIT 30 DAYS, IF NO RESPONSE, FILE REQUEST FOR DEFAULT.
- 2 File and personally serve petition. → OTHER SIDE FILES A RESPONSE WITHIN TIME ALLOTTED.
PERSON CAN
A) Dispute paternity OR
B) Admit paternity and proffer a different visitation schedule.
proceed to ③
- 3 If paternity is disputed. → FILE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE ASKING FOR DNA TESTING.
- 4 If paternity is NOT disputed. → FILE AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE IF INTERIM ORDERS ARE NEEDED REGARDING SUPPORT, CUSTODY, VISITATION.
- 5 If Interim Orders are not needed or after Interim Orders are entered. → FILE REQUEST FOR TRIAL SETTING CONFERENCE (LA), AT ISSUE MEMORANDUM (ORANGE) OR REQUEST FOR CMC (SAN BERNARDINO)
- 6 If agreement to all issues are reached → FILE STIPULATED JUDGMENT RE PATERNITY.
- 7 If no agreement is reached, set the case for a mandatory settlement Conference (MSC)
- 8 At MSC, resolve as many issues as possible at MSC and, if necessary, set the remaining issues for trial.