

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

2260 N Street, Merced
627 W. 21st Street, Merced
1159 G Street, Los Banos

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Tentative rulings are provided for the following courtrooms and assigned Judicial Officers with scheduled civil matters:

Courtroom 8 – Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson

Courtroom 9 – Commissioner David Foster

Courtroom 12 – Hon. Jennifer O. Trimble

Parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the clerk of the court at (209) 725-4111 to seek permission and arrange for a remote appearance.

IMPORTANT: Court reporters will NOT be provided; parties must make their own arrangements. Electronic recording is available in certain courtrooms and may only be activated upon request.

The tentative rulings for specific calendars follow:

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

Civil Law and Motion Tentative Rulings
Hon. Stephanie L. Jamieson
Courtroom 8

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
8:15 a.m.

The following tentative rulings shall become the ruling of the court unless a party gives notice of intention to appear as follows:

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Per California Rules of Court, rule 3.1308(a)(1), failure to do both items 1 and 2 will result in no oral argument. *Note:* Notifying CourtCall (the court's telephonic appearance provider) of your intent to appear does not satisfy the requirement of notifying the court.

Case No. Title / Description

24CV-00437 John Gee vs County of Merced

Hearing: Other - Remittitur

Pursuant to the remittitur issued February 10, 2026, this Court's prior order denying in its entirety Plaintiff's motion to quash a subpoena for employment records is vacated, and the following ruling and order, consistent with the remittitur, is issued in its place:

Plaintiff's motion to quash a subpoena for employment records from Stanislaus County is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part. The motion is GRANTED as to documents relating to termination, adverse employment actions, performance evaluations, and job applications submitted by Plaintiff *before* leaving employment with Stanislaus County. As to any other documents and records sought by the subpoena, to wit, any job application submitted to Stanislaus County *after* his termination from the County of Merced, the motion to quash is DENIED. This Court finds that Plaintiff has failed to establish that the subpoena for the latter records constitutes a serious intrusion into his privacy, or that he has a reasonable expectation of privacy in those records. Even if Plaintiff had met these factors of the *Hill* test, the legitimate and important countervailing interests asserted by the County of Merced in terms of the alleged affirmative defense of failure to mitigate damages outweigh any privacy interest asserted by Plaintiff in the target records. (*Hill v. National Collegiate Athletic Assn.* (1994) 7 Cal.4th 1; see also, *Williams v. Superior Court*

(Marshalls of CA, LLC) (2017) 3 Cal.5th 531, 552.) The request by the County of Merced is narrowly tailored and all records are covered by a previously issued protective order, sufficient to preserve Plaintiff's privacy interests in the event the requested records are not used in the instant litigation.

24CV-05908 Alfredo Ruiz, et al. vs Winncompanies LLC, et al.

Order to Show Cause re: Sanctions

Pursuant to the declaration filed by Joel H. Siegal on February 4, 2026, the order to show cause re: sanctions for failure to appear at the case management conference on January 12, 2026, is VACATED, the Court finding good cause not to issue sanctions at this time.

Order to Show Cause re: Dismissal

Pursuant to the declaration filed by Joel H. Siegal on February 4, 2026, the order to show cause re: dismissal for failure to prosecute the instant matter and pursue default judgment is VACATED, the Court finding good cause not to dismiss the matter.

Case Management Conference

Appearance required to address any outstanding issues regarding the pending default judgment. Counsel may appear remotely upon contacting the Civil Clerk's office to obtain the necessary information for a remote appearance.

24CV-06422 Eduardo Loza vs Hyundai Motor America

Order to Show Cause re: Sanctions

Pursuant to the declaration filed by Ryan Ardi on February 17, 2026, the order to show cause re: sanctions for failure to appear at the status conference on January 26, 2026, is VACATED, the Court finding good cause not to issue sanctions at this time.

Status Conference

Appearance required. Appear to address status of arbitration and the timeline for future status hearings.

25CV-00532 People vs Thirty-One Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars (\$31,601.00)

Status Conference

VACATED due to the granting of the request for default judgment, below.

Motion for Default Judgment

Based on this Court's review of the motion and supporting declarations submitted pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 585, the request for default judgment is GRANTED. The Court will sign the order lodged on January 14, 2026.

25CV-01231

Luke Wedan vs Avalon Health Care Management, Inc, et al.

Status Conference

Appearance required. Appear to address status of arbitration and to set further status hearings consistent with the anticipated timeline for arbitration.

25CV-07091

Petition of: Nicole Martin

Order to Show Cause Re: Name Change

The petition for name change is GRANTED. Proof of publication was filed February 10, 2026, no objections have been filed with the court, and the court finds no legal grounds why the petition should not be approved.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Restraining Order
Hon. Mark Bacciarini
Courtroom 10

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Tuesday, February 25, 2026
1:30 p.m.

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24CV-05632	Kaylee Sawyer vs Lea Stevens
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Order to Show Cause Re: Restraining Order SS/ Contested Termination- est. 1 hour

Appearance required.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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Restraining Order
Hon. Jennifer Trimble
Courtroom 12

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
11:00 am

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Case No. Title / Description

26CV-00126 Miguel Campa vs James Dewitt

Order to Show Cause Re: Restraining Order

Appearance Required

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MERCED

Civil Law & Motion/ Petition Name Change
Hon. Jennifer Trimble
Courtroom 12

627 W. 21st Street, Merced

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
1:30 pm

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Case No. Title / Description

23CV-01832 Martin Grageda, et al. vs. Turlock Irrigation District, et al.

Motion Notice of Motion and Motion to be Relieved as Counsel

The motion by attorney Richard L. Sheppard III and the law firm of Sheppard Law Group to be relieved as counsel for plaintiff Yesenia Jacinto is GRANTED provided counsel submits an updated proposed order on mandatory form MC-053 that includes Plaintiff's last known address and telephone number.

The order will be effective upon the filing of the proof of service of the signed order upon the client.

Motion Notice of Motion and Motion to be Relieved as Counsel

The motion by attorney Richard L. Sheppard III and the law firm of Sheppard Law Group to be relieved as counsel for plaintiff Martin Grageda is GRANTED provided counsel submits an updated proposed order on mandatory form MC-053 that includes Plaintiff's last known address and telephone number.

The order will be effective upon the filing of the proof of service of the signed order upon the client.

24CV-00050

Yesenia Galvan-Lopez, et al vs. Hervia Sullivan, et al

Motion for Default Judgment

Appearance required.
