

<p>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF</p> <p>STREET ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME:</p>	<p><i>FOR COURT USE ONLY</i></p>
<p>PETITIONER/PLAINTIFF: RESPONDENT/DEFENDANT: OTHER PARENT/PARTY:</p>	
<p>ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL FOR A CHILD</p>	<p>CASE NUMBER:</p>

1. The proceeding was heard:

On *(date)*: _____ at *(time)*: _____ in Dept.: _____ Room: _____
 Judge *(name)*: _____ Temporary Judge
 Petitioner/Plaintiff present Attorney present *(name)*: _____
 Respondent/Defendant present Attorney present *(name)*: _____
 Other parent/party present Attorney present *(name)*: _____
 On the request for order, order to show cause, or motion filed *(date)*: _____ by *(name)*: _____

2. **THE COURT FINDS** it is in the best interest of the child to appoint counsel to represent the child under Family Code section 3150(a).

<p>a. Counsel appointed for the child <i>(name of counsel)</i>: _____</p> <p>b. Address: _____</p> <p>c. Phone number: _____ d. E-mail address <i>(optional)</i>: _____</p>

3. **CHILD OR CHILDREN FOR WHOM COUNSEL IS APPOINTED**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of birth</u>	<u>Address(es) (if appropriate)</u>
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4. **REASON FOR APPOINTMENT** *(specify)*:

5. **DUTIES OF COUNSEL FOR A CHILD**

- a. Counsel for a child must:
- (1) Represent the child's best interests.
 - (2) Gather evidence that bears on the best interest of the child and present that admissible evidence to the court in any manner appropriate for the counsel of a party.
 - (3) Present the child's wishes to the court if the child so desires.
 - (4) Serve notices and pleadings on all parties consistent with rules and laws applicable to parties.
 - (5) Unless under the circumstances it is inappropriate to exercise the duty:
 - (A) Interview the child;
 - (B) Review the court files and all accessible relevant records available to both parties; and
 - (C) Make any further investigations child's counsel considers necessary to ascertain evidence relevant to the custody or visitation hearings.
- b. Counsel may introduce and examine witnesses, present arguments to the court concerning the child's welfare, and participate further in the proceeding to the degree necessary to represent the child adequately.

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8. ADDITIONAL ORDERS

- a. No later than 10 court days after being appointed by the court and before beginning work on the case, counsel for a child must file a declaration with the court indicating compliance with the requirements of rule 5.242 of the California Rules of Court. *Declaration of Counsel for a Child Regarding Qualifications* (form FL-322) or other local court forms may be used for this purpose.
- b. The parties and their counsel are ordered to cooperate with counsel for the child to permit the performance of his or her duties.
- c. Counsel for the child must be provided with complete copies of all relevant documents and records filed in the proceeding within 10 days of the appointment.
- d. The parties must provide complete information concerning the child's school, medical, psychological, psychiatric, and other pertinent records to the child's counsel on request. The parties must execute such waivers and releases necessary to facilitate the child's counsel in securing access to records for the child.
- e. The parties and/or their counsel must not compromise, settle, dismiss, or otherwise remove from the court's calendar all or any portion of the issues, claims, or proceedings concerning which the child's counsel has been appointed, without participation of the child's counsel or advance notice to the child's counsel.
- f. Counsel must continue to represent the child until the appointment terminates, as provided in rule 5.240(f) of the California Rules of Court, or as stated below in item 9.

9. OTHER ORDERS:**THE COURT SO ORDERS.**

Date:

 JUDICIAL OFFICER
NOTICE

Any party required to pay court-ordered attorney fees or reimburse the court for attorney fees paid on a party's behalf must pay interest on overdue amounts at the legal rate, which is currently 10 percent per year. Failure to pay court-ordered attorney fees or reimburse the court for fees paid on a party's behalf may result in a legal action being initiated to collect overdue payments and interest on overdue amounts.