

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF DEL NORTE**

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**Standing Order RE: Case Assignments**

This order memorializes the Court's existing policy regarding assignment of cases to the departments of this court.

Unless otherwise stated in a specific order of the Presiding Judge or Assistant Presiding Judge, all cases are assigned for all purposes to the particular department and to the judge assigned to that department as set forth in this order. When the judge normally assigned to a department is unavailable, any judge assigned by the Presiding Judge or Judicial Council may hear cases in that department.

All civil cases, including, family law, landlord-tenant, civil restraining orders, probate cases and small claims cases are assigned to Department 2; except, child support matters under AB 1058 are assigned to the child support commissioner in Department 3.

All juvenile delinquency matters are assigned to Department 1.

All misdemeanor matters are assigned to Department 2.

All felony matters are assigned to Department 2 until bindover. Unless otherwise ordered by the judge presiding at the preliminary hearing, felony matters will be assigned to Department 1 upon bindover after the preliminary hearing.

Juvenile dependency cases are assigned by the clerk to Department 1 or Department 2 on an alternating basis. All cases involving the same family are assigned together in the same department.

Petitions for writs of habeas corpus are assigned on an alternating basis by the clerk to Department 1 or Department 2; however, generally all petitions from a single inmate at Pelican Bay State Prison are assigned to the same department. Petitions related to convictions from this court will generally be assigned to the sentencing judge.

Infraction matters are assigned to the Judge Pro Tem in Department 3

Pending further order of the Court, Judge Robert W. Weir is assigned to Department 1 and Judge William H. Follett is assigned to Department 2.

In case of a disqualification of the assigned judge the case is reassigned to the other sitting judge of this court. When both judges are disqualified, the matter is referred to the Judicial Council for assignment of a judge.

This order will remain in effect pending further order of the Presiding Judge.

**DATED:**           MAY 2 2007          



**WILLIAM H. FOLLETT**  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court

CC: Court Executive Officer  
All local counsel