

List of proposed changes to the Tulare County Superior Court Local Rules, effective January 1, 2027:

1. Rule 115, regarding court reporters, is modified:
 - at subdivision (b), to clarify that contempt actions initiated by the Department of Child Support Services, like other contempt actions in family law matters, shall be electronically recorded; and
 - at subdivision (f), to reflect that the court will use electronic recording to provide indigent litigants with access to an official verbatim record in circumstances where the Supreme Court, in its recent *Family Violence Appellate Project v. Superior Court* (2026) 20 Cal.5th 564 [346 Cal.Rptr.3d 841] decision, has held courts are required to do so.
2. Rule 207, regarding procedures for complaints against judicial officers, is modified at subdivision (b) to reflect that complaints submitted to the presiding or assistant presiding judge must be delivered to court administration in room 303 at the Visalia courthouse.
3. Rules 704 and 1003, regarding setting ex parte hearings in general civil and probate matters, respectively, are modified to provide that requests to set a matter for ex parte consideration in a general civil or probate matter must be emailed to Visalia_Civil_Courtroom_Clerks@tulare.courts.ca.gov, for matters at the Visalia courthouse; and to #SCJC_Civil_Courtroom_Clerks@tulare.courts.ca.gov, for matters at the South County Justice Center courthouse.
4. The court has created a revised optional local form “Correspondence to Commissioner” (COL-005) in English and Spanish. This obviates the necessity of the separate Spanish version (COL-006), which, as a result, is retired from use.
5. The court has created a revised optional local form “Findings and Order After Hearing” (FAM-001).
6. The court has created a revised option local form “Attachment to Judgment” (FAM-009).