

Rule 3.1.15 Assignment of Cases and Challenges to Assigned Judge

- (a) Upon first filing of a case in the Family Law Division the clerk shall assign the case to one of the two family law departments. These case assignments are deemed “all-purpose” assignments under Code of Civil Procedure Section 170.6(a)(2). All matters shall be initially calendared in the appropriate department based on the “all-purpose” assignment. Nothing in these rules shall prevent the court from reassigning a subject case to a different judge, in which case the court shall notify the parties of the assignment.
- (b) A challenge to the assigned judge pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 170.6 shall be made within 15 days after notice of the all-purpose assignment, or if the party has not yet appeared in the action, then within 15 days after the appearance. Upon the acceptance of such a challenge, the court shall reassign the case to a different judge and notify counsel, or parties, of the reassignment.

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