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Local Rules for the Imperial County Superior Court, Rule 6.5

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CHAPTER 6. JUVENILE DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS

**Rule 6.5. Minimum Standards of Attorney Education and Training**

(a) The minimum training and educational requirements for attorneys representing parties in juvenile court proceedings are as follows:

(1) Participation in at least eight hours of training or education in a juvenile dependency law, which training or education shall have included information on the applicable case law and statutes, the rules of court, Judicial Council forms, motions, trial techniques and skills, writs of appeal, child development, child abuse and neglect, substance abuse, domestic violence, family reunification and preservation, and reasonable efforts, or

(2) At least six months of experience in dependency proceedings in which the attorney has demonstrated competence in the attorney's representation of his or her clients in said proceedings. In determining whether the attorney has demonstrated competence, the Court shall consider whether the attorney's performance has substantially complied with the requirements of these rules.

(b) In order to retain his or her certification to practice before the Juvenile Court, each attorney who has been previously certified by the Court shall submit a new certificate of competency to the Court on or before January 31st of the third year after the year in which the attorney is first certified and then every third year thereafter. The attorney shall attach the renewal Certification of Competency as evidence that he or she has completed at least eight hours of continuing training or education directly related to dependency proceedings since the attorney was last certified. Evidence of completion of the required number of hours of training or education may include a copy of a certificate of attendance issued by a California MCLE provider, a certificate of attendance issued by a professional organization which provides training and/or education for its members, whether or not it is a MCLE provider, a copy of the training or educational program schedule together with evidence of attendance at such program, or such other documentation as may reasonably be considered to demonstrate the attorney's attendance at such program. Attendance at a court-sponsored or approved program will also fulfill this requirement.

(c) The attorney's continuing training or education shall be in the areas set forth in these rules or in other areas related to

juvenile dependency practice including, but not limited to, special education, mental health, health care, immigration issues, the rules of evidence, adoption practice and parentage issues, the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act, the Parental Kidnapping Prevention Act, state and federal public assistance programs, the **Indian Child Welfare** Act, client interviewing and counseling techniques, case investigation and settlement negotiations, mediation, basic motion practice and the rules of civil procedure.

(d) When a certified attorney fails to submit evidence that he or she has completed at least the minimum required training and education to the Court by the due date, the Court shall notify the attorney that he or she will be decertified. The attorney shall have twenty (20) days from the date of the mailing of the notice to submit evidence of his or her completion of the required training or education.

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