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Judicial Profile Questionnaire

DIANNA GOULD-SALTMAN

1. **Courtroom Information:**

- a. District: Central
- b. Department: 307*
- c. Department Telephone: *(213) 351-7507
- d. Judicial Assistant's Name: Charlotte Andrews
- e. Courtroom Assistant's Name: N/A
- f. Bailiff's Name: Lucy Arevalo
- g. Court Reporter's Name: Jackie Caire
- h. Court Reporter's Telephone Number: (213) 687-5780 x 1075 (MUCH faster to use email: jcaire@lacourt.org)

There is a move of the trial judges presently sitting in CCW to Mosk in January. The above department and department telephone numbers will change when that occurs.

2. **Education:**

B.A., Psychology, University of California, Irvine
J.D., Southwestern University School of Law

3. **Appointment / Election:**

Appointed 6/30/10. Oath taken 7/12/10.

4. **Other Judicial Assignments:**

Traffic arraignment 7/10-10/10
Criminal trial court 11/10-12/10
Family Law Pasadena 1/11-12/14
Family Law Compton 12/14-11/16
Family Law Mosk home court 11/16-4/17

Family Law long cause CCW 4/17-4/18
Family Law long cause Mosk 4/18-10/18
Family law long cause CCW 10-18 to date*

5. **Past Employment:**

Gould-Saltman Law Offices, LLP
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Law Offices of Lorraine C. Gollub
Gollub & O'Connor

6. **Prior Family Law Experience:**

Family Law Practice 1985 to 2010
Certified Family Law Specialist 1992.

7. **How Long on the Family Law Bench:**

9 years.

8. **Recent Publications:**

"A View from the Cross-Road: Considerations for Mental Health Professionals Consulting with Attorneys,"
Journal of Child Custody, (Winter 2011)

"Attorneys' Beliefs and Opinions about Child Custody Evaluations" with James Bow, Ph.D. and Michael Gottlieb,
Ph.D., Family Court Review, (April 2011)

"Partners in the Process: How Attorneys Prepare Their Clients for Custody Evaluations and Litigation,"with
James Bow, Ph.D. and Michael Gottlieb, Ph.D., Family Court Review (October 2011)

"What the Judge Wants to Know: How to Structure your Pretrial Alimony Presentation for Maximum Judicial
Impact." A.B.A. Family Advocate (Winter 2012) Vol. 34, No. 3

"Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Guidelines for Court-Involved Therapists: Supporting Quality
Practice and Better Outcomes for Families." with Lyn Greenberg, Ph.D., California Psychologist, Winter, 2012

"Elkins, Budget and Litigation as a Team Sport," ACFLS Family Law Specialist (Spring 2012)

"The Ethics of Abbreviated forms of Child Custody Evaluations," ACFLS Family Law Specialist (Winter 2013)

Joint Legal Custody Presumptions: A Troubling Legal Shortcut, with Nancy Ver Steegh, Family Court Review
(April 2014)

Risks from Clients and Opposing Parties for Family Law Attorneys, with James Bow, Ph.D. and Michael
Gottlieb, Ph.D., Family Court Review (April 2015)

Representing Yourself In Court: A Judge's Perspective (AFCC website: Resources for Families) (2017)

<https://www.afccnet.org/Portals/0/Representing%20Yourself%20Judges%20Perspective.pdf>

9. **RFO Procedures:**

a. Oral Testimony:

Because I have a trial court, oral testimony is expected.

b. Chamber Conferences:

Yes, with consent of parties.

c. Use of ADR Family Mediator:

By the time it gets to trial, that resource has been used, if appropriate.

d. Custody Evaluations / Minor's Counsel:

Since I have a trial court, any evaluations or appointment of minor's counsel have already occurred. If minor's counsel is in the case, I expect compliance with the Rules of Evidence, Civil Procedure and Rules of Court from minor's counsel just as I expect that of parents' counsel. I do not accept "reports," written or oral, from minor's counsel any more than I would from counsel for one of the parents.

e. Policy Re Continuances:

All trial continuances must be made through Department 2.

f. Attorney Fees:

Since what I do are trials, attorney fees are addressed if they have been requested. If updated information is required or if attorney fees have been bifurcated, I will usually set a briefing schedule and either have counsel come in to argue thereafter or consider the matter submitted for written ruling after the last documents have been filed.

10. **Ex Parte Matters:**

They are rare in a trial court, must pertain ONLY to the trial (and not continuance of the trial) and require extraordinary circumstances.

11. **Judgments:**

May be submitted directly to the department. I generally set an OSC re entry and waive appearances if I have the fully-executed judgment by noon the business day prior.

12. **First Calendar:**

8:30.

13. **Calendar Calls:**

Generally I only have one case per day.

14. **Trial Setting Conferences:**

Don't have them.

15. **Other Matters:**

Final status conferences: Generally, after MSC. The intention is to narrow and clarify the issues which need to be tried.

16. **Pet Peeves:**

Lack of preparation. Unmarked, unbound exhibits (other than impeachment or rebuttal). Speaking objections. LATE witness and exhibit lists (except to REDUCE the number of witnesses and exhibits without adding any). Declarations which contain argument rather than stick to facts.

17. **Pointers:**

Court's copy of exhibits on a flash drive VERY much appreciated (each exhibit scanned in separately).

ALWAYS meet and confer to create written procedural and substantive stipulations. Everybody gets more time to develop their case through testimony on the CONTESTED issues that way.

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