

**JUDICIAL PROFILE QUESTIONNAIRE**

Kimberly Dotson

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Name

**1. Courtroom Information:**

- a. District: Central
- b. Department: 6
- c. Department Telephone: (213) 633-0606
- d. Judicial Assistant's Name: David Cuevas
- e. Courtroom Assistant's Name: n/a
- f. Bailiff's Name: Deputy Hernandez
- g. Court Reporter's Name: Rachel Quinones
- h. Court Reporter's Telephone Number: RQuinones@lacourt.org

**2. Education:**

B.A., Business Economics, University of California, Riverside  
J.D., University West Los Angeles School of Law

**3. Appointment / Election:**

Elected March 2018; Oath Taken 4-6-2018

**4. Other Judicial Assignments:**

n/a

**5. Past Employment:**

LA County Deputy Public Defender's Office

**6. Prior Family Law Experience:**

No Prior Family Law Experience

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

**2 years**

**8. Recent Publications:**

n/a

9. **RFO Procedures:**

a. Oral Testimony:

I prefer to hear from the parties on specific issues

b. Chamber Conferences:

If both sides are represented I am open to Chamber Conferences

c. Use of ADR Family Mediator:

Open to this if it will help parties with their issues

d. Custody Evaluations / Minor's Counsel:

I will order if it will help assist the Court in determining the Best Interest of the minor(s)

e. Policy Re Continuances:

On RFO and TSC stipulations are preferred; otherwise Good Cause

f. Attorney Fees:

address the issue when presented in RFO

10. **Ex Parte Matters:**

I rule on the moving papers submitted, in **rare** cases, I will take testimony before I rule on the Ex Parte.

11. **Judgments:**

Submit to clerk's office and after Judgments are reviewed, they are signed

12. **First Calendar:**

8:30

13. **Calendar Calls:**

No calendar call; my JA lets me know which cases are ready

14. **Trial Setting Conferences:**

TSC are set to help move the case, but if parties are not ready for trial or working on settlement then TSC can be continued. However, after a second continuance I may deem parties ready for trial if no movement on the case.

15. **Other Matters:**

16. **Pet Peeves:**

When parties/attorneys have not met and conferred on issues or exchanged evidence, exception as to impeachment evidence.

17. **Pointers:**