

# Family Law

**Who**  
...has access to records and files

The following family law records are open to the public:  
Dissolution, Legal Separation, Nullity, Registration of Foreign Support Order, Summary Dissolution, Emancipation, Civil Harassment, Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse, Workplace Violence, Guardianship Custody Order, and Juvenile Custody Order.

The following family law records are confidential unless you are a party to the case:  
Sister State, UREASA, and Paternity  
\*\*Judgments in these case types are public record

Adoptions are confidential unless you are a party to the case.

...has access to court hearings

All family law court hearings are public hearings with the exception of fee waiver and adoption hearings.

**What**  
...records and information are available

The public has access to all public files and documents as indicated above, with the exception of documents that are sealed and noted as confidential.

...hearings are open to the public

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**When**  
...are records and information available

Records are available to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Records are placed into the court files usually within 7 days of filing.

...are cases heard in court.

Family Law hearings are held as follows:

- Law & Motion – Monday through Wednesday
- Settlement Conferences – Tuesday through Friday
- Trials – Thursday and Friday
- Department of Child Support Services – Monday through Friday
- Domestic Violence/Elderly Abuse – Monday through Wednesday



- Civil Harassment – Thursdays
- Adoptions - Tuesdays

**Where**

...can records or information be viewed

Family Law court records are accessible by appearing in Room 100, Window 1, at the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, with a case number and photo identification. Copy machines are available for .25 per page or copies can be made for you for .50 per page.

Case numbers can be obtained by visiting our website at [www.saccourt.ca.gov](http://www.saccourt.ca.gov) and clicking on “on line services”.

Copies of records can be requested by mail and specific instructions can be found on our website at [www.saccourt.ca.gov](http://www.saccourt.ca.gov). under Family & Children, and clicking on “records”.

....are court hearings held

Court hearings in Family Law are heard in Departments 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 127, 128, and 132 in the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse at 3341 Power Inn Rd, Sacramento, CA 95826.

**How**

....can records and information be obtained

Family Law court records are accessible by appearing in Room 100, Window 1, at the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse, with a case number and photo identification. Older files that are located at the Records Retention Center can be ordered in person or by telephone (916-875-3400) and the court will contact you when the file arrives at the William R. Ridgeway Family Relations Courthouse.

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....can requests to attend court hearings be done.

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