



Superior Court of California County of San Francisco

KATHERINE FEINSTEIN
JUDGE

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To Members of the Delinquency Conflicts Panel:

Please allow this letter to bring to your attention California Rule of Court 1479. Effective July 1, 2004, this rule mandates an attorney's continued representation of a delinquent minor in all post-dispositional proceedings.

Given the court rule and best practices, it is important that you remain in contact with your minor clients following disposition, and be prepared to represent them in any subsequent proceedings. This obligation exists regardless of whether the client is at home on probation, in an out-of-home-placement or at Log Cabin Ranch School.

Counsel is expected to have contact with a client, monitor placement progress, and appear at progress report, periodic review, permanent plan and post-permanent plan hearings if there are issues related to the minor's care or treatment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Katherine Feinstein
Supervising Judge, Unified Family Court