

# Superior Court of San Bernardino County



## Fact Sheet New Procedure for Custody and Visitation Agreements Effective January 1, 2019

In cases where litigants reach a complete custody and visitation agreement, the child custody recommending counselor shall prepare the agreement while the parties are present and provide a copy to the parties to review and sign. An Agreement and Stipulated Order shall be attached to the Agreement, which shall include:

1. An acknowledgment of receipt of the Agreement.
2. An acknowledgment that the Agreement is in the best interest of the children.
3. A promise by each party to provide said Agreement to his/her counsel immediately if represented.
4. Acknowledgment that each party shall have ten days to object to or rescind the Agreement by serving the other party with the objection and submitting it to the court within ten days of signing the Agreement.
5. Date and signature blocks for parties and court
6. Standard Findings and Orders language

The matter will remain on the court calendar, but no appearance will be required if the only issues before the court are custody and visitation. Family Court Services will fax or email a courtesy copy of the Agreement to the attorney of record.