

Tentative Rulings for February 3, 2026
Department 503

For any matter where an oral argument is requested and any party to the hearing desires a remote appearance, such request must be timely submitted to and approved by the hearing judge. In this department, the remote appearance will be conducted through Zoom. If approved, please provide the department's clerk a correct email address. (CRC 3.672, Fresno Sup.C. Local Rule 1.1.19)

There are no tentative rulings for the following cases. The hearing will go forward on these matters. If a person is under a court order to appear, he/she must do so. Otherwise, parties should appear unless they have notified the court that they will submit the matter without an appearance. (See California Rules of Court, rule 3.1304(c).) *The above rule also applies to cases listed in this "must appear" section.*

22CECG02640 *Jordan v. Housing Authority of the City of Fresno*

The court has continued the following cases. The deadlines for opposition and reply papers will remain the same as for the original hearing date.

24CECG02433 *Ramella Guidry v. Kids Kare Schools, INC.* is continued to Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in Department 503.

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Tentative Ruling

Re: **LVNV Funding LLC v. Galvan**
Superior Court Case No. 25CECG03823

Hearing Date: February 3, 2026 (Dept. 503)

Motion: Plaintiff's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings

Tentative Ruling:

To continue to Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in Department 503, in order to allow the parties to further engage in meet and confer efforts. If this resolves the issues, Plaintiff shall call the court to take the motion off calendar. If it does not resolve the issues, counsel for Plaintiff shall file a supplemental declaration on or before February 18, 2026.

Plaintiff shall also file a supplemental brief addressing Defendant's asserted affirmative defense. The supplemental brief shall not exceed five pages and shall be filed and served on or before February 18, 2026. Any response shall not exceed five pages and be filed and served on or before February 25, 2026.

Explanation:

Code of Civil Procedure section 430.41 makes it clear that meet and confer must be conducted "in person or by telephone." (*Id.*, subd. (a).) The moving party is not excused from this requirement unless they show that the plaintiff failed to respond to the meet and confer request or otherwise failed to meet and confer in good faith. (*Id.*, subd. (a)(3)(B).) Here, counsel did attempt to contact Defendant on September 18, 2025, but the individual who answered the phone refused to identify himself prior to hanging up. (Karayan Decl., ¶ 9.) Counsel also asserts having made numerous attempts to contact Defendant by letter and telephone. (*Id.* at ¶ 6.) While the Court recognizes these efforts by counsel, the Court is inclined to continue the matter and encourages Defendant to participate in discussions with Plaintiff's counsel regarding this matter. Additionally, the Court seeks more information and legal authority regarding the affirmative defense included in Defendant's answer with regard to this motion for judgment on the pleadings.

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.1312(a), and Code of Civil Procedure section 1019.5, subdivision (a), no further written order is necessary. The minute order adopting this tentative ruling will serve as the order of the court and service by the clerk will constitute notice of the order.

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Tentative Ruling

Re: **Mark Hicks v. Jerreece Jackson**
Superior Court Case No. 23CECG04303

Hearing Date: February 3, 2026 (Dept. 503)

Motion: Dismiss

Tentative Ruling:

This motion is taken off calendar as it does not appear from the court's record that moving papers were filed.

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.1312(a), and Code of Civil Procedure section 1019.5, subdivision (a), no further written order is necessary. The minute order adopting this tentative ruling will serve as the order of the court and service by the clerk will constitute notice of the order.

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