

Tentative Rulings for March 18, 2026
Department 501

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.*

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

23CECG01298 *Diane Dias v. Karandeep Sihota* is continued to Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in Department 501.

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Re: ***Aranzasu v. Central Unified School District***
Superior Court Case No. 25CECG03077

Hearing Date: March 18, 2026 (Dept. 501)

Motion: 1) Defendant's Demurrer to the First Amended Complaint
2) Defendant's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings
3) Defendant's Motion to Strike
4) Plaintiffs' Motion for an Order Deeming Admissions Admitted

Tentative Ruling:

To continue the demurrer, motion to strike, and motion for an order to deem admissions admitted to Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in Department 501. Plaintiff K.A. is a minor and must have counsel in this matter. The motions are continued in order to give the minor an opportunity to obtain counsel. Counsel may file an amended complaint no later than April 3, 2026.

The motion for judgment on the pleadings is taken off calendar as no papers were filed.

Explanation:

Kathryn Aranzasu has filed a complaint in propria persona on behalf of herself and the minor, K.A. While the Court did sign orders appointing her as the Guardian Ad Litem for the minor on July 10, 2025, a non-attorney cannot act in propria persona to represent minors, even where that person has been appointed as their Guardian Ad Litem. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6125; *J.W. v. Superior Court* (1993) 17 Cal.App.4th 958, 965-968.) As such, while Kathryn Aranzasu may represent herself, counsel must be obtained for the minor child. The Court continues the demurrer, motion to strike, and motion for an order deeming admissions admitted in order to obtain counsel. In the event counsel is obtained, counsel may file an amended complaint.

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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