

California Paraprofessional Program Working Group
Family Law Subcommittee
Practice Area Topics and Tasks

Topic/Task	Recommendation
Dissolution/Domestic Partnerships, including dissolution, legal separation and nullity (annulment) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marital status, including status-only judgments¹ 2. Annulment based on bigamy, age of spouse/registrant, prior existing marriage/DP² 3. Annulment based on incest, unsound mind, fraud, force, physical incapacity 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Included 2. Included 3. Excluded
Paternity (including paternity issues within dissolution, legal separation or domestic partnerships) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complaint to establish parental relationship not involving FC 7612(b) or (c) 2. Complaint to establish parental relationship involving FC 7612(b) or (c) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Included 2. Excluded
Summary Dissolutions	Included
Violence Prevention: Domestic Abuse/Domestic Violence Restraining Order, Civil Harassment, Gun Violence, Workplace Violence subject to following conditions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Violence prevention sub-certification obtained 2. Specific annual CLE of no less than 3 hours required, in addition to base CLE 3. All court-filed documents are reviewed and approved by an attorney prior to filing³ 	Included
Child custody and visitation except in any action where any of the following issues or claims are raised: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FC 3044 2. Hague Convention on International Child Abduction 3. International or interstate custody disputes under UCCJEA 4. Disputed venue issues 	Included <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excluded 2. Excluded 3. Excluded 4. TBD
Child support ⁴	Included
Spousal or domestic partner support <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Temporary 2. Permanent <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Short term marriage [FC 4336(b)], excluding preparation or presentation of issues under FC 4320 in litigated matter b. Long term marriage c. Spousal support waivers, buyouts or step downs d. Spousal support in short term or long term marriage where issues identified in FC 4320(i) or (m) are present 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Included 2.a. Included 2.b. TBD 2.c. Excluded 2.d. Excluded

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Separate property/community property/quasi community property (nullity) ⁵	1. Included
1. Declaration of disclosures	2. Included
2. Appraisals and valuations	3. Included
3. Written discovery	4. Excluded
4. Depositions	5. Included
5. Expert discovery	6. Included
6. Subpoenas: deposition and hearing/trial	7. Included
7. Motions to compel/motions to quash not related to depositions	8. Excluded
8. Motions to compel/quash related to depositions	9. Included
9. Post division transfer documents	10. Excluded
10. QDRO	
Quasi marital property (nullity)	Excluded
Attorney fees, including paraprofessional fees	Included
Restoration of former name	Included
Marital settlement agreements [except for any issues which are within excluded areas of practice as set forth above]	Included
Post judgment/permanent order modifications [except for any issues which are within excluded areas of practice as set forth above]	Included
Registration of foreign judgments	Included
Premarital/Post-marital agreements (not including MSAs)	Excluded
Putative spouse claims arising from nullity action, including all issues within such a claim (e.g. quasi marital property, attorney fees, spousal	Excluded
Marvin/Palimony actions	Excluded
Enforcement of family law orders and judgments	
1. Appointment of elisor	1. Included
2. RFO/Motion for relief in issuing court to assist in enforcement	2. Included
3. Contempt	3. Excluded
4. Seek work orders support	4. Included
5. Debtor's exam	5. Included
6. Wage assignment	6. Included
7. Writ of execution	7. Included
8. Filing of lien	8. Included
All enforcement mechanisms not specifically identified above are excluded	

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ENDNOTES

1. If instruction includes detailed, in depth education regarding FC 2337, FL-315, FL-347, FL-318-Info, joinder and pension issues.
2. If instruction includes education and instruction re: bigamy v. prior existing marriage/DP and FC 2200-2210 and 2310-2312.
3. Paraprofessional and attorney must maintain log for 5 years of all pleadings reviewed and approved, including case name, case number (if available), party assisted and date of review.
4. Instruction to include training on support calculators, wage assignments and role of DCSS.
5. This scope of practice presumes detailed and substantive instruction on forms of discovery, responding to discovery, objections and law and motion procedure related to discovery.