

1 SUPERIOR COURT
2 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
247 West Third Street, Eleventh Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0302

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6 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

7 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

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10 IN RE: } GENERAL ORDER #GO26-026
11 USE OF PSEUDONYMS } GENERAL ORDER OF THE
12 PRESIDING JUDGE

13 The purpose of this General Order is to promote access to justice, personal
14 privacy and safety.

15 A party or witness to a case who has a reasonable and honest fear that use of
16 his/her true name will jeopardize his/her personal privacy or safety may make an
17 application to the court to use a pseudonym in place of his/her true name. The
18 application may include a request to exclude or redact from all pleadings and
19 documents his/her true name and to the extent permitted by California law, exclude or
20 redact from all pleadings and documents other identifying characteristics.

21 The application to the court must be supported by a statement of the facts and/or
22 law that show the applicant's reasonable and honest fear that use of his/her true name
23 will jeopardize his/her personal privacy or safety.

24 This order is effective January 1, 2026, and supersedes all previous general
25 orders entitled *Use of Pseudonyms* issued by previous Presiding Judges. This order
26 shall remain in effect until December 31, 2027.

27 Dated this 1st day of January, 2026.

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Rod Cortez
Presiding Judge