Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles

March 21, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

In preparation for an increasingly electronic environment throughout the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles ("Court"), in 2014 the Court transitioned from requiring certifications in red or purple color ink to black ink only.

Having certifications in black ink for all case types allows for consistency in processing court-wide and prepares the Court for the electronic generation of certified copies, such as those currently used for judgments in Family Law dissolution cases. These certified copies are in compliance with Evidence Code sections 1450, et seq. and Government Code section 68150(g), requiring the endorsement to be made under the seal of the state. In addition, these certified copies have been used and accepted by the Department of Justice and various other public and government institutions.

The Court continues to affix its court seal on said certifications by the clerk of the court to protect from having unauthorized use of unauthenticated court documents. Should you have any questions regarding the validity of any court document presented, please do not hesitate to contact Anaruth Gonzalez, Director, Family Law, Probate and Mental Health, at AGonzalez@lacourt.org or (213) 633-0133. For international use of court documents, you may choose to employ the use of authentication of signatures of court certified documents available through the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,

Sherri R. Carter