6-05/400.30 Local Child Support Agency/District Attorney in Child or Spousal Support

The district attorney shall be exempt from the payment of any fees or costs, including fees for service of process and filing fees, in any action or proceeding brought for the establishment or enforcement of a child or spousal support obligation.

Each county is now responsible for the service of process regarding support issues. However, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department no longer handles this type of process as a fee cannot charged. Federal and state law may provide for funds for the service of support cases if the agency enters into a contract for such services. Refer any service requests regarding child support to the local county child support agency.

GC 6103.9 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as provided in this section, the local child support agency and the district attorney shall be exempt from the payment of any fees, including fees for service of process and filing fees, in any action or proceeding brought for the establishment of a child support obligation or the enforcement of a child or spousal support obligation.

(b) A court or county may be reimbursed for those direct costs related to the establishment of a child support obligation or the enforcement of a child or spousal support obligation which have been agreed to pursuant to a plan of cooperation. Any reimbursement pursuant to a plan of cooperation shall not include any amount which is payable as a filing fee.

(c) For purposes of this section, a "plan of cooperation" includes an agreement entered into by a court and the Administrative Office of the Courts of the California Judicial Council which provides for reimbursement for the cost of providing clerical and administrative support furnished by the court.