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9 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
10 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

11 FAHED SAYEGH
12 Petitioner,

13 v.
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15 NUHA SAYEGH,
16 Respondent.

17 CASE NO: 25PDFL01441
18 (r/w 25PDRO01260 (related dv matter)
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20 [PROPOSED] ORDER

21 Having read and considered Petitioner's Opposition to Respondent's Request for Attorney's Fees
22 under Family Code section 6344, the supporting declaration and exhibits, and good cause
23 appearing, IT IS ORDERED:

24 A. Threshold Rulings

25 Respondent's request for attorney's fees under Family Code section 6344, including any
26 amended request, is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART.

27 Findings (as applicable):

28 a. The following categories are outside section 6344 because they are not reasonably
29 related to obtaining or defending DVRO relief: dissolution/UCCJEA response work;
30 first-appearance fees; financial-disclosure tasks (including FL-150, paystub review, and
31 dissolution discovery); lis pendens; Family Code section 271 sanctions efforts; Borson-
32 related tasks; administrative/clerical; e-filing/service/postage; travel billed at full attorney
33 fees.

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1 rate.

2 b. Post-termination entries dated after [October 15, 2025] are fee-collection or non-
3 DVRO and therefore non-compensable under section 6344.

4 c. Portions of any remaining time are duplicative, block-billed or vague,
5 administrative/clerical, or travel at full rate, and subject to reduction.

6 d. Ability to pay: Having considered Petitioner's filings (including FL-150), the Court
7 finds limited ability to pay and adjusts any award accordingly.

8 e. Alternative finding: To the extent any non-DVRO entries might arguably be
9 compensable, they are alternatively disallowed under reasonableness and apportionment
10 principles.

11 □ B. Exclusions and Reductions

12 □ Categorical Exclusions. The Court EXCLUDES the following from any section 6344
13 award:

14 a. All entries dated after [October 15, 2025] as post-termination fee-collection/non-
15 DVRO (including lis pendens, § 271 notices/efforts, Borson tasks, and associated
16 admin/e-filing/postage).

17 b. Non-DVRO dissolution/financial-disclosure work (Response/UCCJEA, first-
18 appearance fees, FL-150/I&E, dissolution discovery, property/lien/lis pendens), and all
19 administrative/clerical time and postage/e-filing/service costs.

20 c. Travel billed at the attorney's full rate (allowable at [__]% of rate or [flat \$__/hr] if any
21 is allowed).

22 □ Reasonableness Reductions on DVRO-Related Remainder. On time reasonably related to
23 DVRO relief, the Court applies:

24 a. Duplicate staffing reduction of [__]% (or line-item disallowance);

25 b. Block-billed or vague entries haircut of [25–40]% = [__]%;

26 c. Administrative/clerical tasks disallowed or reduced to [paralegal \$__/hr];

27 d. Excessive travel reduced to [__]% of billed rate.

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- 1 Hourly Rates (if needed). Reasonable DVRO lodestar rates are set as follows: [\$__/hr
2 attorney], [\$__/hr associate], [\$__/hr paralegal]; any higher claimed rates are reduced to
3 these figures.
- 4 C. Award, Caps, and Alternatives
- 5 Primary Cap. The total award under section 6344 shall not exceed \$4,000, inclusive of
6 any costs allowed herein.
- 7 Alternative Caps (at the Court's discretion):
8 a. Alt-A: Cap at \$[3,000].
9 b. Alt-B: Cap at \$[5,000], conditioned on (i) removal of all non-DVRO entries and (ii)
10 documented apportionment within [7] days.
11 c. Alt-C: No award at this time; see ¶ 9 (continuance/meet-and-confer).
- 12 Costs. Each side bears its own costs not expressly awarded herein.
- 13 D. Procedural / Compliance Directions
- 14 Continuance / Meet-and-Confer Option (if the Court desires further cleanup):
15 a. Respondent shall file and serve a reconciled billing statement removing excluded
16 categories and clearly apportioning DVRO vs. non-DVRO within [10 court days].
17 b. Parties shall meet and confer within [5 court days] thereafter to narrow disputes.
18 c. A short status/fee hearing on any limited remainder is set for [date/time/Dept]; any
19 reply limited to [5] pages due [__] court days before.
- 20 2030–2032 Path (without prejudice). Any request for fees outside section 6344 (e.g.,
21 dissolution or financial issues) shall be brought, if at all, under Family Code sections
22 2030–2032 with required forms and proper notice.
- 23 Sealing/Redaction (as needed). Parties shall redact PII and may apply to seal any
24 sensitive billing entries for good cause.
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1 □ Reservation of Jurisdiction. The Court reserves jurisdiction to adjust the award to
2 conform to these findings upon submission of any corrected billing or further order.

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4 IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: _____, 2025

5 Hon. Joel F. Lofton _____

6 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT – DEPT L - NORTHEAST

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