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DEPARTMENT 606

COORDINATION PROCEEDING SPECIAL TITLE [RULE 3.550] **CHATGPT PRODUCT LIABILITY CASES**	JUDICIAL COUNCIL COORDINATION PROCEEDING NO. 5431 **ORDER RE: PETITION FOR COORDINATION**

Included actions:

Fox v. OpenAI, Inc., et al., Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 25STCV32379

Shamblin v. OpenAI, Inc., et al., Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 25STCV32382

Madden v. OpenAI, Inc., et al., Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 25STCV32383

Brooks v. OpenAI, Inc., et al., Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 25STCV32386

Lacey v. OpenAI, Inc., et al., Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case No. CGC-25-630808

Enneking v. OpenAI, Inc., et al., Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case No. CGC-25-630809

Irwin v. OpenAI, Inc., et al., Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case No. CGC-25-630811

Raine v. OpenAI, Inc., et al., Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case No. CGC-25-628528

First County Bank v. OpenAI, Inc., et al., Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case No. CGC-25-631477

DeCruise v. OpenAI, Inc., et al., Superior Court of California, County of San Diego *et al.*, Case No. 26CU003118C

Jacquez v. OpenAI, Inc., et al., Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, Case No. 26CV165635

Gray v. OpenAI, Inc., et al., Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Case No. 26STCV00988

The hearing on Petition for Coordination came on regularly for hearing on January 30, 2026 before the Hon. Stephen M. Murphy in the above-entitled court. Petitioners Jennifer Fox, individually and as successor-in-interest to Decedent Joseph Martin Ceccanti; Christopher Shamblin and Alicia Shamblin, individually and as successors-in-interest to decedent Zane Shamblin; Hannah Madden; Allen Brooks; Cedric Lacey, individually and as successor-in-interest to Decedent Amaurie Lacey; Karen Enneking, individually and as successor-in-interest to Decedent Joshua Enneking; and Jacob Lee Irwin (collectively, "Petitioners"), moved for coordination of eight cases filed in various California state superior courts. Notice of several potential "add-on" cases were received prior to the hearing[1]. Defendants OpenAI, Inc.,

[1] *First County Bank v. OpenAI, Inc., et al.*: Notice received January 2, 2026; *DeCruise v. OpenAI, Inc., et al.*: Notice received January 26, 2026; *Jacquez v. OpenAI, Inc., et al.*: Notice received January 29, 2026; *Gray v. OpenAI, Inc., et al.*: Notice received January 26, 2026.
In advance of the hearing, Petitioners emailed the Court a spreadsheet titled Notice of Submission of Updated Cases, that included *Taylor Rose Knowlton v. OpenAI, Inc. et al.* Other than this submission, the Court did not receive any information that notice according to CRC 3.531 was properly effectuated.

OpenAI OPCP, LLC, OpenAI Holdings, LLC, OpenAi Group PBC, and Sam Altman, (collectively, "Defendants"), submitted a brief in support of the Petition. Plaintiffs Matthew Raine and First County Bank submitted an opposition to the Petition.

The Court, having reviewed and considered the Petition and all filings in response to the Petition, and heard oral argument, grants the Petition for Coordination. The Court finds the cases subject to the Petition complex cases within the meaning of California Rules of Court, rule 3.400, and that the cases are an appropriate matter for coordination pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure sections 404 and 404.1 and California Rules of Court, rules 3.501, et seq.

The Court recommends the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, be the site for the coordinated proceedings, and designates the First Appellate District as the designated District of the Court of Appeal as the reviewing court.

All cases shall be stayed pending the assignment of a Coordination Trial Judge, provided that to the extent the parties have engaged in discovery and there are outstanding issues concerning the sufficiency of discovery responses, the stay shall not affect the parties' obligation to meet and confer in good faith with respect to outstanding discovery issues. The stay shall preclude the filing of any discovery motions or further proceedings on pleading challenges. (Cal. Rule of Court, rule 3.529(b).) Defendants' Motion for Stay set for February 19, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in Department 606 is ordered off calendar as moot.

Petitioners must promptly file a copy of this order in each included action, serve it on each party appearing in the included actions, and submit it to the Chair of the Judicial Council. (Cal. Rule of Court, rule 3.529(a).)

The following cases are subject to this order:

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Shamblin v. OpenAI, Inc., et al.,	Case No. 25STCV32382
Madden v. OpenAI, Inc., et al.	Case No. 25STCV32383

Accordingly, the Court declines to deem this case an included action for purpose of the hearing on the petition for coordination at this time. The matter may be raised with the coordination trial judge.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 3, 2026

Stephen M. Murphy
Judge of the Superior Court

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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COORDINATION PROCEEDING CHATGPT PRODUCT LIABILITY CASES	Case No.: JUDICIAL COUNCIL COORDINATION PROCEEDING NO. 5431 **CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE** (CCP 1010.6 & CRC 2.251)

I, Jean Bertelsen, a Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of San Francisco, certify that I am not a party to the within action.

On February 3, 2026, I electronically served the **ORDER RE: PETITION FOR COORDINATION** by electronic mail to the following recipients:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Dated: February 3, 2026

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