

COVID-19 Court Procedures for California State Courts

- **California State Court Procedures:**
 - **California Supreme Court State-Wide Order:**
 - All jury trials are suspended and continued for 60 days from the date of this order. Courts may conduct a trial at an earlier date upon finding of good cause or through use of remote technology. The 5-year time limit to bring a case to trial is continued. All courts are authorized to issue rule amendments in conformity with this order but such order must be posted on the court's website.
 - **Individual County Rules and Important Dates in California:**
 - **San Luis Obispo**
 - All new "non-time sensitive matters" continued until further notice. Public access limited to those appearing on that calendar day.
 - **Kern**
 - Civil Ex Parte matters will be heard but all other civil matters continued until March 30, 2020.
 - **Marin**
 - Court closed from March 17, 2020 – April 7, 2020. All civil law and motion matters and trials scheduled in the next 90 days are continued.
 - **San Francisco**
 - Law and motion to appear by court call no prior notice required. Clerks' office closed through April 15, 2020 and drop box available for new filings.
 - **Santa Barbara**
 - Continuing most scheduled matters to a date after April 3, 2020. Parties with cases during that time will receive notification of rescheduled date.
 - **Ventura**
 - Limited operations through April 17, 2020. All civil trials and non-emergency hearings continued for 90 days. Notice of continued date to be mailed out. Court will hear urgent criminal, family and TRO matters.
 - **Los Angeles**
 - Effective March 23, 2020 courts will remain open ONLY for time-sensitive, essential court hearings. 400 court rooms remain closed until April 16, 2020. All civil and criminal trials suspended through April 16, 2020.
 - The hearing dates for all law and motion, complex litigation, and discovery matters currently calendared in departments 301, 302, 304 and 613 are hereby vacated, until further notice.

- Parties with emergencies which require court orders may submit ex parte applications in compliance with [CRC 3.1200-3.1207](#) and attach them to an email to the opposing party/counsel addressed to contestdept302tr@sftc.org with the subject line, “Ex Parte Application for Emergency Relief.” The court will review the applications and—where appropriate—notify the parties to appear for a telephonic hearing. Parties and counsel should e-file the applications and any opposition papers with the court. For Complex Litigation parties with emergencies which require court orders may submit ex parte pleadings as attachments to an email to the opposing party/counsel addressed to appropriate complex department:

Department613ComplexLit@sftc.org or Department304@sftc.org. The court will act on the applications and—where appropriate—issue a briefing and schedule for a telephonic hearing using Court Call. Due to the unavailability of court staff, parties and counsel are hereby relieved of the requirement to file the applications before submission. Where briefing or a hearing is ordered or an order granting relief issues, parties/counsel will be authorized to file the pleadings and briefs.

- **Orange**

- Effective Monday March 23, 2020 court will be closed to public including attorney's until further notice. Notice will be provided. Although hearings may continue to appear on the docket, no hearings will be provided during this period.
- All civil hearings (not just trials) scheduled to take place in the next 60 days have been cancelled and will be continued. While the hearing will appear on the online docket, all hearings are being continued.

- **San Bernardino**

- Court closed for non-emergency matters through April 2, 2020.

- **Riverside**

- Court closed except for emergency civil, criminal and family matters through April 3, 2020. All civil trials suspended until May 25, 2020. All other civil matters continued.

- **San Diego**

- All non-essential services suspended and continued until April 3, 2020. All court days from March 17, 2020 - April 3, 2020 will be deemed court holidays for computing time of filing papers. Civil trials will be reset accordingly.