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Re: SUPPLEMENTAL UPDATE COVID-19 Court Procedures for California.

Disclaimer: This will supplement the COVID-19 Rules by Court Summary of court procedures and postponements previously posted on April 2, 2020. These are general rules which can change daily. Individual judges may also set specific rules for individual matters. Please consult with your attorneys regarding any specific case and/or questions you may have regarding these policies.

California Supreme Court State-Wide Order

- All jury trials are suspended and continued for 60 days from March 23, 2020.
 - Courts may conduct a trial at an earlier date upon finding of good cause or through use of remote technology.
- Statutory deadlines for preliminary hearings, arraignments and the 5-year timeline to bring a civil case to trial are extended by no more than 60 days
- All courts are authorized to issue rule amendments in conformity with this order but such order must be posted on the court's website

Judicial Council Emergency Rules (Statewide)

- Rule 9: Notwithstanding any other law, the statutes of limitation for civil causes of action are tolled from April 6, 2020, until 90 days after the Governor declares that the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic is lifted.
- Rule 10: For all cases filed before April 6, 2020, the 5-year statute to bring cases to trial is extended for 6 months, and the CCP 583.310 3-year limit for retrial is extended for 6 months.
- Rule 11: At the election of deponents or deposing parties, they can refuse to be present with the court reporter in depositions, until 90 days after the Governor declares the state of emergency is lifted or further changes by the Judicial Council.
- Rule 12: e-service mandatory, except to self-represented parties, whose consent must be given for e-service.

Kern County

- From April 1 through April 30 inclusive are deemed court holidays for computing time to file papers All civil matters previously calendared in Multi-Divisional Courts for hearing

April 1 through May 22 have been reset for later dates (unspecified). Counsel to check Non-Criminal Case Information on the court website or contact the Clerk's Office at WMCivil@Kern.Courts.CA.GOV. E-Filing will still be permitted for filings, but all clerk's windows will be closed to the public

- All civil case hearings set between April 1 and May 22 in Depts. 10, 11, 12 & 17 have rescheduled to a later date

Los Angeles County

- All matters delayed through June 10 except essential matters, courtrooms closed. May 13 through June 10 deemed a court holiday for filing purposes. Clerk's office to reopen June 15. Hearings to resume June 22. Trials scheduled between May 13 and June 10 will be continued or reset to a date after June 22, with pretrial deadlines adjusted accordingly. Civil ex parte matters will be heard May 13 through June 10, provided that the ex parte application must be e-filed by 8pm the day before the hearing.

Marin

- April 29 through May 26 deemed holidays for filing purposes. Court closed until May 29 for non-essential matters. All civil courts closed. Personal appearances prohibited; electronic means to be used only. All civil law and motion matters and trials scheduled in the next 90 days are continued. What hearings are conducted must be done remotely.

Orange County

- Court will be closed to public through May 22 except for essential matters. All trial dates set from March 17 onward will be reset approximately 25 weeks later.
- All MSC's set from March 17 will be reset approximately 21 weeks later. All pretrial & discovery deadlines will be reset accordingly. Stipulated changes to the newly set dates will be considered.
- All hearings set from March 17 onward will be reset approximately 13 weeks later, with hearings to commence on June 15.
- No CMCs through December 31. Cases that have not had a CMC and new cases filed before December 31, 2020 will have MSC and trial dates set 19 and 21 months from complaint filing date, respectively.
- For complex cases, all CMCs vacated with a Status Conference to be set after June 15. All cases that have not had a CMC and new cases filed before December 31, 2020 will have a Status Conference set 120 days from date of complaint filing.

Santa Barbara

- Court closed for all but emergency (not general civil) services March 17 through May 23. For emergency ex-parte hearing requests call (805) 882-4590 for south county; (805)

614-6500 for north county. All hearings set during the closure period will be rescheduled (no specifics). All TROs that would normally expire within the closure period are extended for 30 days.

San Bernardino

- March 17 through May 28 are court holidays for filing purposes. Statutes of limitation are tolled from April 6 until 90 days after the Governor's state of emergency is lifted. All civil matters/hearings will be rescheduled. All courts closed during the above period except for emergency matters. Civil ex parte hearings to be held remotely. Only emergency matters will be heard by the court. No e-filing. Drop box available for ex parte emergency matters only.
- All civil jury trials suspended until August 24, with any exceptions to be determined upon good cause shown. The five year to trial statute (CCP 583.320) for civil actions filed before April 6, 2020, is extended to five years and six months and if a new trial is granted, the three year for retrial period is extended to three years and six months. All other matters are continued with the court to give notice of continued dates.

San Diego County

- Court closed March 17 through May 22. Only emergency matters will be heard during this time. All non-emergency civil matters will be reset (no specifics), unless in a Civil Independent Calendar Department (see below for those). E-Filing and paper filing suspended. Requests to renew TROs will be heard. Parties with a scheduling conflict with new reset hearing dates should contact the department to reset the date. All appearances must be remote with no personal appearances.
- To request an ex parte hearing date, you must email CVL@SDCOURT.CA.GOV and provide the following information:
 - Case Number (if applicable)
 - Case Name
 - Name of party or counsel seeking ex parte and the party counsel is representing, if applicable.
 - * If requesting an emergency ex parte to stay the lockout, please include full names of both the plaintiff and defendant, as well as the address of the premises.
 - Reason for ex parte. Please be specific. (For additional details see the Civil FAQ on the court site)

San Louis Obispo

- April 8 through June 5 are judicial holidays. But electronic filings are accepted.
- Civil motion hearings, CMC's and TSC's will resume June 1 - June 25, remotely only. Hearings that were set during the closure period will be reset with the court to give notice. Parties can check the court's Odyssey system for new dates. Electronic filings accepted. Parties can agree on a motion being ruled upon without hearing but must complete an Emergency Agreement to Waive Hearing and Submit on the Papers form E-

1. If you have a motion hearing date on or after June 1, you must file your papers as soon as possible in advance of the hearing (apparently, notwithstanding the court holiday statement above). Untimely filing will result in a new hearing date being assigned. All hearings from June 1-25 will be remote.

- Jury trials set in the coming months are vacated and are set for TSC's. Jury trials that were in progress before closure will resume as soon as it is deemed safe. TSC notices will be sent by the court. All IDCs can now be set for remote conduct by the court. Ex parte applications will be decided without hearing through May 29; ex parte hearings will be conducted June 1-25.

San Francisco

- From March 18 - June 1, inclusive, will be deemed a court holiday. During this period the court extends all dates to respond to a complaint, file discovery related motions. Any trial between March 23, 2020 and June 1 is vacated and new trial dates will be set 60 days from the vacated date, with deadlines moved accordingly. Except for cases where discovery cut of has passed, the last date to conduct discovery, expert discovery and file summary judgment motions are vacated and will be set based on new trial dates. All parties are relieved of the pretrial filing requirements of Local Rule 6. Mandatory Settlement Conferences for this period are vacated, with new dates to be noticed by the court. VSC's can be recommenced remotely (see court website for details). Parties with emergencies can request an ex parte via email to contestdept302tr@sfc.org
- Any motion filed before March 17 in Dept. 301 or 302, the movant may request a new hearing date, even during the holiday period or after. Parties must first meet & confer as to Dept. 302 motion new hearing dates and briefing schedules if the motion was not fully briefed theretofore, with the court advised by e-mail. Remote hearings only.
- Complex matters currently calendared are vacated, with scheduling to be determined. Urgent CMCs and IDCs will be set up with the court via e-mail.

Ventura

- Court closed May 12 through June 9 except for emergency matters and deemed holidays. All TROs can be extended 90 days. The five year to trial limit is extended six months. As of March 20, all Civil trials, law and motion and courtroom 22B matters are suspended for 90 days, with court to notify of new dates.

Riverside

- Court closed except for emergency civil, criminal and family matters through May 29. E-filing available but no drop box. All matters calendared through that date are vacated. Movant can reserve a new hearing date no later than July 31 through the automated reservation system. All moving papers, even if previously filed, will be timely filed again per the new hearing date. Failure to reserve a date by July 31 will result in the motion being deemed withdrawn on August 3. Parties will meet and confer again as to reset demurrers, filing a new declaration thereafter.

- Law and motion reservation system will reopen May 7, with reserved dates commencing on June 1.
- All other hearings, such as CMCs, TSC's, status conferences, post-trial motions, OSC's, remain on calendar even if set during the closure period, to be addressed by the judge in whose courtroom the matter is set. All stipulations as to hearing dates submitted after March 16 are moot and rejected. Parties may stipulate or apply ex parte to advance a TSC date for good cause shown, with priority given to statutory preference and bench trials.

US District Central District of California

- Effective March 23, 2020 through June 30, 2020 all courts will be closed except for criminal matters. In civil cases only emergency matters will be heard. Electronic Filing is still being accepted.
- All filing deadlines will remain - no court holidays. Remote hearings only. Same for the Bankruptcy Court per 5/28/20 order.

US District Southern District of California

- All jury trials continued to May 16, 2020. New trial or status dates will be set on or before April 16, 2020 unless emergency suspension of trials is extended. Personal appearance is not required for any hearings unless ordered by the judge after March 23, 2020.
- Documents are not to be filed in person, E-Filing or after hours drop box shall be used for all pleadings