

Superior Court of California County of Napa

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To Our Napa County Bar Members:

We hope this correspondence finds you and your families safe, happy, and well.

It has been four weeks since the Napa County Superior Court reinstated full services and access to court facilities. Despite the challenges brought on by the Corona virus pandemic and the various changes required to restore court business, we made it through the first month with minimal turbulence (all things considered).

The Court wants to thank the local bar as well as each of our justice partners for working cooperatively through these challenging times to meet the needs of the moment. We also want to applaud our staff for adapting to a changing work environment and new business processes as well as embracing the swift transition to technology to support courtroom proceedings.

It really does take a village.

We are continuing to adapt to our new normal and want to update you on these efforts as well as some other changes of interest to attorneys:

Remote Court Appearances

- All courtrooms in the Historic and Criminal Courthouses are now equipped with the capability to appear via remote video for applicable calendars.
- The Court is now using Zoom as the means to appear via remote audio/video, in lieu of other options (such as CourtCall).
- Zoom links and meeting information can be found at http://www.napa.courts.ca.gov/remote.
- When appearing by video, court hearings should be treated the same as if you are appearing in court—attorneys and clients should dress appropriately.
- If you have any questions about appearing remotely please contact the respective court division.

<u>Telephone</u> (707) 299-1100

Historic Courthouse 825 Brown Street Napa, CA 94559-3031 FAX: (707) 299-1250

Criminal Courthouse 1111 Third Street Napa, CA 94559-3001 FAX: (707) 253-4673

Juvenile Courthouse 2350 Old Sonoma Road Napa, CA 94559-3703 (site address only – no mail delivery)

Changes to the Tuesday Self-Represented Master Calendar in Department 6

- Effective July 7, 2020, the Tuesday, Department 6, Self-Represented Master Family Law calendar has a few updates:
 - o DV TRO cases will remain on calendar at 8:30 a.m.
 - o Self-Represented family law cases will be heard at 10:00 a.m.
- Court staff are currently moving cases and sending out notices for hearings already set.

Revised Forms

- Revisions have been made to the Department 3 PC 1000 and Deferred Entry of Judgment attachments and orders.
- These (available on July 1) and other forms, can be accessed here: http://www.napa.courts.ca.gov/forms-fees.

Update to Local Rules

- In March 2020, proposed changes to local rules went out to bar members and other bar associations within 100 miles of Napa for review and comment.
- These changes, which are fairly limited in scope and nature, take effect July 1, 2020.
- Once published next week on the effective date, these updated rules may be found here: http://www.napa.courts.ca.gov/general-info/local-rules.

As the Corona virus public health emergency continues to persist, the Court will continue to work through these challenges to provide access to justice for everyone in the communities we serve.

Kind regards,

Mark Boessenecker

Presiding Judge

Cynthia P. Smith Assistant Presiding

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