



Superior Court of California County of Napa

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July 22, 2020

Members of the Napa County Bar Association:

We're now several months into the coronavirus pandemic, a situation that has significantly impacted all our personal and professional lives. Here at the Court, we've taken great strides in implementing health and safety protocols to provide a safe environment for attorneys, litigants, our staff, and the public.

Some examples of these efforts include a mask/face covering requirement when inside facilities, hand sanitizer stations in public areas and courtrooms, social distancing signage and floor markings, as well as sneeze guards installed in clerks' offices and at witness stands. We have also rolled out remote video appearances in every courtroom, as well as self-help and mediation services, with the goal of reducing foot traffic within the courthouses.

Given the unrelenting march of the virus, the Court is taking additional steps to further reduce in-person interactions. The next phase will include the implementation of mandatory remote appearances in several calendars starting next week. These calendars include:

Effective: Monday, July 27, 2020

Department A

8:30 a.m. Civil Law & Motion
9:00 a.m. LPS Conservatorships
9:00 a.m. Mental Health
11:30 a.m. Civil Ex Parte

Department B

8:30 a.m. Civil Law & Motion
9:00 a.m. LPS Conservatorships
9:00 a.m. Mental Health
11:30 a.m. Civil Ex Parte

Department C

8:30 a.m. Master Family Law

- Hearings set from this calendar may be via video conference or in person, as determined by the judicial officer.

Department 6

8:30 a.m. Restraining Orders

- Hearings set from this calendar may be via video conference or in person, as determined by the judicial officer.

10:00 a.m. Self-Represented Family Law

- Hearings set from this calendar may be via video conference or in person, as determined by the judicial officer.

11:30 a.m. Family Law Ex Parte (if hearing required)

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Also, beginning the week of August 3, the 1:30 p.m. Small Claims calendar on Thursdays in Department C will also transition to mandatory remote appearances.

You can find information about remote video appearances on the Court's website here:

<http://www.napa.courts.ca.gov/Remote>.

Moving forward beyond these calendars, the Court is taking additional steps to implement case processing efficiencies and expand access to proceedings. This includes assessing the viability of e-filing in criminal and juvenile delinquency matters, digitizing plea forms, allowing for remote appearances in evidentiary hearings, and rolling out audio streaming in designated calendars. We'll be sharing more information on these efforts soon.

Until then, we thank you for your collective efforts in moving our local justice system forward during these uncertain times.

Kind regards,



Mark Boessenecker
Presiding Judge



Cynthia P. Smith
Assistant Presiding Judge