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CIVIL AND PROBATE OPERATIONS TO RESUME ON MAY 18, 2020

The Stanislaus County Superior Court's Civil and Probate Divisions will gradually increase operations beginning Monday, May 18, 2020. Please carefully review the following information as the Court has implemented some new procedures in order to deal with the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Thank you for your continued patience as we work to provide services in a safe and effective manner.

CIVIL AND PROBATE

- Beginning May 18, 2020, the Court will resume hearing most Civil and Probate matters. Unless noted otherwise, the Court encourages remote appearances, and remote appearances are required in some hearing types.
- There will be no further filing holidays after May 15, 2020. The Court's current emergency orders expire on May 15, 2020, and the Court does not intend to request additional emergency relief related to such holidays. Parties and counsel can utilize the Court's e-filing system or the drop boxes available in the Clerk's office to file their documents.
 - **Civil Case Management Conferences** will resume the week of May 18. Parties and counsel are required to appear by CourtCall for these hearings, unless, prior to the hearing, the court grants a request to appear in-person.
 - **Ex Parte Hearings (Civil and Probate)** – Hearings may be reserved beginning the week of May 18. Parties and counsel are required to appear by CourtCall for these hearings, unless, prior to the hearing, the court grants a request to appear in-person.
 - **Reserving Ex Parte Hearings** – Per Local Rule 3.01(E) please contact the assigned department to reserve a date and time for an ex parte hearing.
 - **Law and Motion (Civil and Probate)** will resume the week of May 18. Parties and counsel are required to appear by Court Call for these hearings, unless, prior to the hearing, the court grants a request to appear in-person.
 - **Opposed Matters** – Law and motion matters on calendar from May 19 through and including May 29, 2020, in which opposition is on file, will be heard as scheduled.

- **Other Matters Continued** – Law and motion matters on calendar from May 19 through and including May 29, 2020, in which no opposition is on file, will be continued on the Court’s motion.
 - **Reserving a Law and Motion hearing date** - Please contact the Civil Clerk’s Office at (209)530-3162 or civil.requests@stanct.org between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to reserve a date and time for a hearing.
 - **Probate and Trust Petition** hearings will resume on May 18. Parties and counsel are required to appear by Court Call for these hearings, unless, prior to the hearing, the court grants a request to appear in-person.
 - **Court Trials** will proceed as currently scheduled. Personal appearances are required, unless the Court approves the parties’ stipulation to conduct all or part of the trial remotely.
 - **Court Trial – Settlement Conferences** will proceed as currently scheduled. Personal appearances of attorneys and parties are required, unless the Court grants a request to appear by video or tele-conference.
 - **Civil Jury Trials** scheduled through August 18, 2020, will be vacated and set for a Case Management Conference. Mandatory settlement conference dates associated with civil jury trials scheduled through August 18, 2020, will also be vacated.
 - The Court continues to work on a plan for conducting jury trials which complies with the COVID-19 orders issued by the Governor, Chief Justice and local authorities.
 - **Civil Harassment Restraining Orders** (including Workplace Violence Restraining Orders) will proceed to hearing as scheduled and require the parties’ personal appearances.
 - **Orders for Examination** will proceed to hearing as scheduled and require the parties’ personal appearances.
 - **Claims of Exemption** will proceed to hearing as scheduled. The parties may appear by CourtCall.
 - **Minor’s Compromises** will proceed to hearing as scheduled. The parties may appear by CourtCall.
- The Civil Clerk’s Office will remain closed through May 29, 2020. Telephone assistance will be available beginning May 18, 2020. Parties and counsel should continue to utilize the Court’s e-filing system where required. Parties who are not required to utilize e-filing should continue to utilize the Court’s drop box located at 801 10th Street, Fourth Floor. The drop box is available Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.