

NOTICE: CRITICAL INFORMATION RE: SONOMA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT FIRE CLOSURE and PHASED RE-OPENING OF CIVIL DIVISION

1. The SONOMA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT was closed TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017 through FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017 due to the extensive wildfires in Sonoma County. These days have been declared to be court holidays pursuant to:
 - a. Emergency Relief Order by Chair of the California Judicial Council Pursuant to Government Code section 68115, issued October 12, 2017,
 - b. The Sonoma County Superior Court General Order Re: Implementation of Emergency Relief Authorized Pursuant to Government Code section 68115 by Chair of Judicial Council, issued October 13, 2017, and
 - c. The Sonoma County Superior Court General Order Dated October 16, 2017 Re: Implementation of Emergency Relief Authorized Pursuant to Government Code section 68115 by Chair of Judicial Council.

PLEASE NOTE: Pursuant to these orders, for purposes of computing time for filing papers with the Court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a, all court days from October 10, 2017 through October 20, 2017, are deemed holidays (Gov. C. § 68115(c)).

These orders may be viewed and printed from the Home Page of the Sonoma County Superior Court website. (Click on link at end of "NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE.")

2. **CIVIL DIVISION WILL REOPEN IN PHASES.** The civil division hopes to reopen on a limited basis on Monday, October 23, 2017. The information in this notice covers the closure period and the first two weeks of operation (from October 10, 2017 through November 3, 2017). After that, the civil division will return to its regularly scheduled calendars. Should these interim calendars need to be extended beyond November 3, 2017, the court will issue an updated notice.
3. **PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION CAREFULLY.** The court has made every effort to provide you with detailed and accurate information with regard to civil matters. Some of the civil division staff will be temporarily assigned to other divisions to assist with critical court functions in other divisions until court operations in all divisions are fully restored. This includes Judicial Assistants. If you have a question about your civil matter, please look for the information here before contacting the court. Staff will have limited ability to respond to calls or email during the phased reopening of the civil division. We appreciate your cooperation. Please be assured that the bench, court Administration, and staff are working diligently to restore full, normal, court operations as quickly as possible.

4. UNLAWFUL DETAINER CALENDAR

The regular unlawful detainer calendar will be called in Department 18 at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, October 26, 2017 and thereafter. Unlawful detainer matters that were set for hearing on Thursday, October 12, 2017 or Thursday, October 19, 2017 will be re-set by written notice from the court.

5. SMALL CLAIMS

All matters set for hearing on Monday, October 16, 2017, Monday, October 23, 2017, and Monday, October 30, 2017 will be re-set by written notice from the court. The regular small claims calendar will resume on Monday, November 6, 2017.

6. SHORT CAUSE

All matters set for hearing on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, Wednesday, October 18, 2017, Wednesday, October 25, 2017, and Wednesday, November 1, 2017 will be re-set by written notice from the court.

7. CIVIL COLLECTIONS CALENDAR

All civil collection matters scheduled for hearing on Monday, October 23, 2017 are being continued for 60 to 90 days. The Court will send written notice of the new dates. The regular collections calendar will resume on Monday, November 20, 2017.

8. CIVIL EX PARTES

Civil Ex Partes will be heard at the regularly scheduled times for all civil departments starting the week of October 23, 2017. HOWEVER, all ex parte applications need to be delivered to Cindy Gaddie, the Judicial Assistant for Departments 18 and 19, at the Civil and Family Law Courthouse at 3055 Cleveland Avenue, Santa Rosa, California.

9. LAW AND MOTION – MATTERS SET FOR HEARING OCTOBER 11, 2017 THROUGH NOVEMBER 3, 2017

A. Matters set Wednesday, October 11, 2017 and Friday, October 13, 2017

All Law and Motion matters originally set in **Departments 16, 17, 18, and 19** on these dates will be heard on **Thursday, October 26, 2017 in Department 18** at the Civil and Family Law Courthouse at 3055 Cleveland Avenue, Santa Rosa, California, at the following times:

Department 19 Law and Motion: 8:30 a.m.

Department 17 Law and Motion: 9:30 a.m.

Department 18 Law and Motion: 10:30 a.m.

Department 16 Law and Motion: 1:30 a.m.

Law and Motion matters originally set in **Department 12** on October 13, 2017 will be heard on **Thursday, October 26, 2017 in Department 12 at 10:00 a.m.**

PLEASE NOTE: Tentative Rulings *for all departments* will be posted by **2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 24, 2017.** Requests for hearing must be made by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

Attorneys and parties are being notified directly by court staff.

B. MATTERS ORIGINALLY SET FOR HEARING on Wednesday, *OCTOBER 18, 2017*, Friday, *OCTOBER 20, 2017*, Wednesday, *OCTOBER 25, 2017*, and Friday, *OCTOBER 27, 2017*

All Law and Matters set on these dates in Departments 16, 17, 18, 19, and 12, will be individually continued to the first available dates. Notice of the new hearing dates and times will be served by mail.

10. JUDGMENT DEBTOR EXAMINATIONS

All Judgment Debtor Examinations set during the period from October 10, 2017 to October 31, 2017 are being continued for 60 to 90 days. The Court will send written notice of the new date.

The court will resume calling these calendars on the regular schedule beginning November 7, 2017.

11. CASE MANAGEMENT AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CALENDARS

All Case Management Conference Calendars and Order to Show Cause hearings set during the period from October 10, 2017 to November 2, 2017 are being continued for 60 to 90 days. The Court will send written notice of the new date.

12. CIVIL DEFAULT

All Civil Default prove-up hearings set during the period from October 10, 2017 to October 31, 2017 are being continued for 60 to 90 days. The Court will send written notice of the new date.

The court will resume calling these calendars on the regular schedule beginning November 7, 2017.

13. CIVIL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES

Civil Settlement Conferences set on or after October 23 will go forward at the times scheduled. HOWEVER, all counsel and parties need to check in with Cindy Gaddie, the Judicial Assistant for Departments 18 and 19, at the Civil and Family Law Courthouse at 3055 Cleveland Avenue, Santa Rosa, California.

Settlement conferences set during the weeks the court was closed will be rescheduled prior to trial, if possible.

14. CIVIL TRIAL CALL

Civil Trials set for Friday, October 13 and Friday, October 20, 2017 will be reset. The court will issue trial notices with new trial dates.

Civil Trial Call for ALL CIVIL Departments (16, 17, 18, and 19) for trials set on Friday, October 27, 2017 will be called at 8:30 in Department 18, located at the Civil and Family Law Courthouse.

Civil Trial Call for ALL CIVIL Departments (16, 17, 18, and 19) for trials set on Friday, November 3, 2017 will be called at 8:30 in Department 18, located at the Civil and Family Law Courthouse.

