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County of Sonoma
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA**

**GENERAL ORDER RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF
AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68115 BY CHAIR
OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL**


Exercising the authority granted under Government Code section 68115 and the January 26, 2021 Order (“Order”) of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, issued in response to the January 20, 2021, request for an emergency order made by the Superior Court of Sonoma County (“Court”), this Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

With the concurrence of the Presiding Judge, the Court may order that sessions be held anywhere in the county, including in correctional and juvenile detention facilities, from February 1, 2021, through February 26, 2021, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(1));

In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from from February 1, 2021, through February 26, 2021, inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10));

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: January 26, 2021



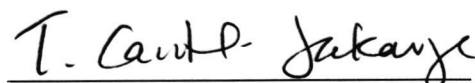
Bradford DeMeo, Presiding Judge

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in substantial operational impediments, and the proclamations of states of emergency by federal, state, and local officials, it was determined on eight prior occasions that the conditions described in section 68115 of the Government Code were met with regard to the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma (Court). Based on those determinations, and pursuant to the Court's requests, corresponding emergency orders issued authorizing the Court to implement certain relief under Government Code section 68115. Upon the renewed request of Presiding Judge Bradford DeMeo, it now is determined that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115(a) continue to exist (Gov. Code, § 68115(c)), and it is ordered that the Court is authorized to do the following:

- Hold sessions anywhere in the county, including in correctional and juvenile detention facilities, from February 1, 2021, to February 26, 2021, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(1)); and
- Extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would expire from February 1, 2021, to February 26, 2021, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10); Executive Order N-38-20 (03-27-20)).*

Date: January 26, 2021



Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakaue
Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council

* This authority supplements the authority to extend section 1382 deadlines previously granted in statewide emergency orders and emergency orders specific to the Court. Accordingly, for any case in which the time to bring a defendant to trial previously was extended under one or more of those prior emergency orders, and the extended deadline falls within the above-specified time period, this order authorizes the Court to extend the previously extended deadline by up to an additional 30 days. For any case in which the initial section 1382 deadline falls within the above-specified time period and is not governed by a prior emergency order, this order authorizes the Court to extend the time to bring a defendant to trial by a total of up to 30 days.