



Superior Court of California County of Sonoma

Raima Ballinger
Presiding Judge

Gary Nadler
Assistant Presiding Judge

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Arlene D. Junior
Court Executive Officer

For Immediate Release

Sonoma County Superior Court will be closed to the public until Wednesday, October 18th, 2017. Presently, all court facilities remain under a mandatory evacuation order due to the historic and catastrophic wild fires of the last few days. The court will only provide critical services on a limited basis. Please refer to the court website for further information, located at <http://sonoma.courts.ca.gov/>.

All court services will be provided at the Hall of Justice on Administration Drive in the county Administration Center until further notice.

On Thursday, October 12th, 2017, acting upon an order issued by Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Acting Presiding Judge Gary Nadler implemented an emergency order extending deadlines, thus alleviating pressure on the court, the parties, and the public. The order issued by the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, and the implementing emergency order are posted on the court's website at <http://sonoma.courts.ca.gov/>.

According to Acting Presiding Judge Gary Nadler, "[o]ur judges and court staff express the greatest concern for those members of the public who have suffered from these tragic events. We are working very hard to provide safe access for those requiring immediate judicial services." As noted by Arlene D. Junior, Court Executive Officer, "[m]any of our court employees, their families, and loved ones are severely impacted by the fires. These disruptions to court employees' lives make it difficult to staff courtrooms and provide other vital court functions. The court asks for the public's patience during this difficult and challenging time. We are working around the clock to re-establish full court services."

Updates regarding court closures can be found at the website, <http://sonoma.courts.ca.gov/>.
