

NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC AND OTHER ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS

The Orange County Superior Court provides public remote electronic access to the Registers of Actions, calendars, and indexes in all case types, except for juvenile cases. The general public may access court records as detailed in this notice.

The Court only permits courthouse electronic access to court records identified in [Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.503\(c\)\(1\)](#). Pursuant to the California Rules of Court, documents are not available remotely for Probate, Family Law, Civil Harassment, and Workplace Violence Prevention proceedings. To the extent feasible and not otherwise prohibited by law, the Court provides remote public electronic access to civil court records that are not sealed or confidential by law.

The public is defined to include:

- a. Any person, business, or non-profit entity;
- b. Any governmental agency for which there is no existing policy defining that agency's access to court case records;
- c. Any media organization; and
- d. Entities that gather and disseminate information for whatever reason.

Persons and entities entitled to greater access include:

- a. Court employees;
- b. Entities who assist the court in providing court services;
- c. Governmental agencies whose access to court case records is defined by another statute, rule, order, or policy; and
- d. Parties to a case or their lawyers regarding access to their court record.

Court records include any document, paper, or exhibit filed in an action or proceeding; any order or judgment of the court; and any item listed in [Government Code section 68151 subdivision \(a\)](#), that is maintained by the court in the ordinary course of the judicial process, and excluding official court reporter transcripts for which the court reporter is entitled to a fee.

Court records do not include the personal notes or preliminary memoranda of judges or other judicial branch personnel, statutorily mandated reporting between government entities, judicial administrative records, court case information, or compilations of data drawn from court records where the compilations are not themselves contained in a court record. ([Cal. Rules of Court, rule 2.502\(3\)](#).) Information that does not constitute a court record under this definition is not subject to remote access under this provision. If parties and their attorneys are entitled to have access to any such additional information, separate and independent grounds for that access must exist.

Court records that are prohibited to be disclosed by any Constitutional provision, statutory law, rules of court, or court order, will not be permitted to be accessed remotely.

The Civil Case Information Website contains case summary and register of action information for cases dating back to 1996 for unlimited/complex civil actions and dating back to 2005 for limited civil actions. Additionally, most civil documents filed on or after January 1, 2008, may be viewed and downloaded (fees apply). For cases and documents filed prior to these dates, contact the court where the case was filed.

Court records that have been destroyed pursuant to [Government Code section 68152](#) are not available.

Remote access may be unavailable during system maintenance, which normally occurs after 6:00 PM on weekdays or on non-business days.

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