



Superior Court of California County of Orange **News Release**

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The following updates are being provided in an effort to keep you informed of the Court's current activities affecting Criminal and Traffic Operations.

- Starting **April 2, 2020**, the Court will resume hearing in custody arraignments. To adhere with social distancing guidelines, Court staff will be in Dept. C60 hearings matters via video conferencing from CJ1 and Theo Lacy. Linked please find the [Video Court Appearances Memorandum of Understanding and Waiver of Remote Proceedings](#) for your reference. Printed [waiver forms](#) will be available at CJ1 and Theo Lacy.
- Starting **Friday, April 3rd**, the Court will establish a new [Plea Agreements Protocol](#), please see attachment for more information.
- Please be advised that settlement conference requests are **limited to pretrial matters that are on calendar (current day through April 10th)**. The Court has begun to receive motions/requests that do not qualify for settlement conferences, including OR Release Motions.

Attorneys who are on-site may complete the linked [Settlement Conference Request form](#) and provide it to the Department C5 clerk. If the matter is not on calendar, and qualifies as noted above, the [Settlement Conference Request form](#) may be emailed to FaxSettleConf@occourts.org or faxed to 714-647-4869. We have 2 settlement judges available to conference call with requesting parties.

- Last but not least, the attached [Traffic Emergency Protocols](#) provides important Traffic Operations updates, including citation processing, the rescheduling of traffic court trials, non-compliance processing, and other important updates.

Related documents and forms:

[MOU for Video Court Appearances & Video Attorney Client Conferences](#)

[Plea Agreements Protocol](#)

[Traffic Emergency Protocols](#)

[Settlement Conference Requests](#)

[Notice and Waiver of Rights for Remote Video Proceedings](#)