

## **Temporary Emergency Local Rule 1: Suspension of Case Management Conferences Due to Pandemic**

In response to the COVID-19 emergency's devastating impacts on the court's ability to conduct normal operations, the court is suspending case management conference procedures through December 31, 2020.

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.720(b), all limited and unlimited civil cases are exempted from the case management rules set forth in California Rules of Court, rules 3.721 to 3.730. This rule does not affect or apply to cases otherwise exempt from case management review. (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.721.) This rule suspends the case management conference provisions of Local Rules 321, 355, 369, and 371 through December 31, 2020.

All currently scheduled Case Management Conference (CMC) hearings are vacated. In addition, new cases filed through December 31, 2020, not already exempt from case management review, will not be set for a CMC hearing. For cases that otherwise would have been subject to the case management procedures, a Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC) and Trial date will be scheduled by the court 19 to 21 months from the date the case was filed.

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