



Superior Court of California County of Orange

Civil Harassment and Gun Violence Restraining Orders

UPDATE – Thursday, June 11, 2020

Effective May 26, 2020 and until further notice, all Civil Harassment and Gun Violence Restraining Order related services will only be provided at the Central Justice Center. No restraining order related services will be provided at the branch courts.

Due to social distancing, the public will have limited access to court buildings. Unless the court orders otherwise, appearances will be conducted via video appearance.

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW CAREFULLY BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER.

1. Submission of filings

- a. Filings related to restraining orders can be submitted to the court as note below.
 - By email to CivilSRL@occourts.org (for self-represented litigants only). Party is to provide a phone number for court contact;
 - By electronic filing (eFiling);
 - By drop-box located by the front entrance of the Central Justice Center. Party is to provide a phone number for court contact;
 - In-person by appointment only- appointment can be scheduled through the court's website <https://www.occourts.org/media-relations/CourtCalendarAppointments.html>;
 - By US Mail at 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

If filings fees are due, the parties will be contacted by phone regarding payment.

- b. Once the request for temporary restraining order is reviewed by the court:
 - If filed in person, via appointment the order will be provided to petitioner;
 - If filed via email, the order will be sent to petitioner via email and certified copies via mail;
 - If filed via mail or drop box, certified copies will be sent via mail.

2. **Self Help Assistance** The public is encouraged to consult Self Help services prior to filing documents. Self Help assistance is available via telephone at 657-622-8511.

Additional information regarding restraining orders can be found on the court's website at <http://www.occourts.org/self-help/restrainingorders> and <https://california.tylerhost.net/SRL>.

3. **Law enforcement emergency GVRO** requests will continue to be processed via the on-call EPO Referee procedure.

4. **Hearing on the Request for Restraining Order- Civil Harassment and Gun Violence Restraining Order**

- a. All hearings on requests for a restraining order will be conducted by video appearance via Microsoft Teams. No in-person hearings will be conducted unless specifically ordered by the court.
- b. All parties must follow the instructions on the notice provided to appear by video. If a party does not have the ability to connect via video, the party is to call the courtroom or 657-622-8513 to request an alternate means to appear.
- c. Further instructions regarding Microsoft Teams are available on the Court's Civil COVID-19 website. Click on the "Remote Hearing Instructions" link posted on the top box of the Civil COVID-19 website page as shown below.

[Remote Hearing Instructions](#) 

CLICK HERE TO APPEAR FOR C61, C62 AND C66 HEARINGS

- d. The public may view court proceedings online by clicking the Courtroom Live Streaming link on the court's website and selecting the department.