



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

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UPDATE – Monday, March 23, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

Effective Monday, March 23, 2020, the Orange County Superior Court was closed to the public, with minimal exceptions, on matters it identifies as time sensitive or pertain to the safety and security of our community.

PROBATE/ MENTAL HEALTH:

1. The court will be available for **Elder Abuse Temporary Restraining Orders**.

Request can be submitted via paper filing or electronically as follows:

- Email: Submit applicable forms/petitions to EATRO@occourts.org
- Paper: Alternatively, submit applicable forms/petitions in person at Central Justice Center via the drop box by the front entrance
- Self Help Services will be available onsite at Central Justice Center
- Follow the instructions posted on the front entrance
- Once reviewed by the court,
 - If filed in person via drop box, 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

For information regarding Elder Abuse Restraining Orders, please visit the court's website at www.occourts.org and <https://california.tylerhost.net/SRL>

2. **Petitions for Writs of Habeas Corpus- LPS** will continue to be heard in Department 9 via remote appearance.
3. **Riese Petition Hearings** will continue to be heard at each facility and will be conducted by Riese Hearing Officers. If the hearing officers become unavailable, the matters will be heard through Department C9.
4. **Riese Appeals** will be heard in Department C9 via remote appearance.
5. **Emergency Ex-parte hearings** will continue to be heard by the court as follows:

- Only request will be considered that comply with California Rule of Court 3.1202 involving irreparable harm, immediate danger, or other statutory basis for granting relief ex parte
- Attorney are required to submit requests via eFiling
- Self-represented parties may submit request via eFiling or in paper via the drop box located at the front entrance of Central Justice Center

6. **LPS Conservatorships** will be heard in Department C9 via remote appearance.

7. **All other Probate matters:** All hearing dates on any probate case set during the next 60 days are deemed vacated and will be reset for a date beyond 60 days. Special letters of administration, temporary letters of guardianship, temporary letters of conservatorship, and interim trustee appointments which may otherwise expire during this time period are extended until a date to be determined when the hearing is reset. Notice will be provided to all parties. Although hearings may continue to display as calendared in electronic online case access, no hearings will be conducted during this period. See Administrative Order 2020/07 posted on the court's

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