

## **Superior Court of California County of Orange**

News Release

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## Court Adds Family Law Self-Represented Cases to Online Counter Service Self-Scheduling Application

**Santa Ana, CA** – Self-represented parties litigating Family Law matters can now also use an online tool to self-schedule in-person appointments at Lamoreaux Justice Center. Online appointment scheduling will be available for attorneys later this year.

The recently launched <u>online app</u> now supplements the services offered at the public kiosks and counters inside Lamoreaux Justice Center.

Due to pandemic-related restrictions, members of the public currently have only limited access to Court facilities and are not allowed to enter unless they have been notified by the Court that they have a hearing, or have an appointment scheduled. This phased approach has enabled the Court to slowly increase the caseload and visitor level at each courthouse, while at the same time ensuring health protocols are being followed.

## At this time, the Court is offering online appointments for the following areas:

- Appeals
- Civil (Restraining Orders, Unlawful Detainers/Evictions, Small Claims, Civil Limited, Civil Unlimited)
- **Collections** (Criminal & Traffic, Collection Accounts) For payment relief options or general inquiries on your collection account call: 657-622-8459
- Criminal & Traffic
- Family Law (Self Represented Parties LJC) For General Family Law inquiries call 657-622-8350
- Juvenile (Public, Juvenile Attorney LJC, Juvenile Traffic LJC
- Probate & Mental Health
- Records and Exhibits

This app was created to assist parties on an in-person basis, thus it does not permit a party to remotely file a document. However, the Court will continue to provide various means to file documents, such as drop boxes, email, eFiling, etc.

The Court is continually working on providing **Safe Access to Justice** and would like to remind everyone that **the use of facemasks or face coverings is mandatory for anyone entering a courthouse.** Exemptions issued by anyone other than the Court will not be honored.

For Court ADA accommodations and exclusions, please email <a href="mailto:Adainformation@occourts.org">Adainformation@occourts.org</a> or visit this web page <a href="http://www.occourts.org/directory/ada/">http://www.occourts.org/directory/ada/</a>. Social distancing rules will also be strictly enforced in all facilities; thus, the number of individuals entering public courtrooms and elevators will be subject to space limitations. Persons displaying possible coronavirus symptoms will not be allowed in Court facilities.



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