

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**

**In Re:**

**Order of the Presiding Judge #2**

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**Further Limitations on Civil and Family Law Hearings Due to Corona Virus Pandemic**

While the “Shelter in Place” rules are in effect in California and specifically within the County of Mendocino, the Mendocino County Superior Court will limit Civil and Family Law hearings as follows:

**A. Family Law – Ukiah and Ten Mile Courthouses**

1. All **non-emergency** Family Law hearings, including cases set for child custody mediation, will be continued. Parties and attorneys are encouraged to continue matters by written stipulation.
2. All requests for *ex parte*/emergency orders, including requests for emergency custody and visitation orders, child support, spousal support, property control, and requests for domestic violence temporary restraining orders, will be reviewed by the court in chambers, without a required appearance by either party pursuant to Local Rule 4.7.

Local Rule 4.8, which requires an appearance in person, via CourtCall, or through counsel on a request for a domestic violence TRO is suspended pending further order of the court.

Judicial Officers have the authority to extend by not more than 21 days the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire from March 17, 2020 to April 3, 2020. See Govt. Code §68115(a)(7).

3. If parties are informed by court staff that oral argument on a request for an *ex parte*/emergency order or domestic violence TRO is deemed necessary following judicial review, the parties and/or their attorneys must appear that day in Department C of the Ukiah Courthouse at 4:00 p.m. via telephone using CourtCall. If a party is unable to access CourtCall, a toll free number will be provided in advance of the hearing.

In the Ten Mile Court, the same process will be followed except the Judicial Officer will designate the manner (for example, CourtCall or toll free number) the parties should use to appear if s/he deems an appearance necessary.

4. Until further order of the court, child custody mediation will be available on a limited basis in the court's discretion. While the "Shelter in Place" rules are in effect, all child custody mediations will take place by telephone. If you are scheduled for child custody mediation **do not come to the courthouse**. The mediators will contact you.

**B. Civil Ex Parte Requests and Hearings – Ukiah and Ten Mile Courthouses**

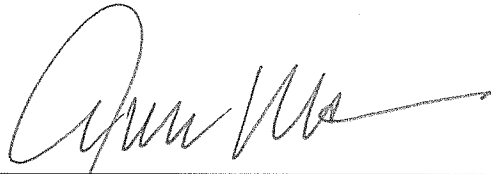
1. All requests for *ex parte*/emergency orders, including but not limited to, requests for civil harassment orders, work place violence, elder abuse, school violence or gun violence restraining orders, will be reviewed by the court in chambers, without a required appearance by either party pursuant to Local Rule 2.7.

Local Rule 2.7(e) which requires an appearance in person, via CourtCall, or through counsel on a request for any of the above referenced orders is suspended pending further order of the court.

Judicial Officers have the authority to extend by not more than 21 days the duration of any temporary restraining order that would otherwise expire from March 17, 2020 to April 3, 2020. See Govt. Code §68115(a)(7).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 20, 2020



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ANN C. MOORMAN  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court