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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA**  
**COUNTY OF SOLANO**  
**DEPARTMENT EIGHT**

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Case No.: MISC 002720

In Re: Civil Matters

**STANDING ORDER REGARDING  
CIVIL MATTERS DURING  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**

**THE COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. On February 27, 2020, the County of Solano proclaimed a local emergency to exist due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pursuant to Government Code, §§ 8630 et seq.
2. On March 4, 2020, California Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to exist due to COVID-19 pursuant to Government Code, §§ 8550 et seq.
3. On March 13, 2020, President Trump proclaimed a national state of emergency to exist due to COVID-19.
4. On March 17, 2020, acting as the Chair of the Judicial Council, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakaue granted the application for emergency orders sought by the Solano County Superior Court pursuant to Government Code, § 68115 for the period of March 17, 2020 through April 5, 2020 ("March 17, 2020 Emergency Order"). Pursuant to Government Code, § 68115(a)(4), due to the existence of an emergency condition that substantially interferes with

1 the public's ability to file papers in court, the days are deemed "holidays" for the purpose of  
2 computing time for filing papers with the court under sections 12 and 12a of the Code of Civil  
3 Procedure.

4 5. On March 17, 2020, Solano County Superior Court Presiding Judge Donna Stashyn  
5 issued a General Order re: Implementation of Emergency Relief authorizing implementation of  
6 the March 17, 2020 Emergency Order by individual judicial officers.

7 6. On March 18, 2020, the Solano County Health Officer issued an order effective through  
8 April 7, 2020, directing all individuals living in Solano County to shelter at their place of  
9 residence except to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in certain essential  
10 activities on behalf of businesses and governmental agencies. The order further directed  
11 businesses and governmental agencies to cease non-essential activities at places within Solano  
12 County and to cease non-essential gatherings.

13 8. On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 ordering all  
14 individuals living in the State of California to stay at home or their place of residence except as  
15 needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors.  
16 Executive Order N-33-20 is in effect until further notice.

17 9. On March 19, 2020, the Solano County Superior Court announced the reduction of  
18 operations to implement the order of the Solano County Health Officer and to focus on public  
19 safety. To effectuate the reduction in operations, all civil trials set through April 5, 2020,  
20 including small claims and unlawful detainer cases, were continued.

21 10. On March 23, 2020, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye issued a state-wide order  
22 continuing all jury trials for a period of sixty (60) days and authorized superior courts to adopt  
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1 any proposed rule or amendment to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to take  
2 effect immediately.

3 11. On March 30, 2020, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye granted the amended  
4 application for emergency orders sought by the Solano County Superior Court pursuant to  
5 Government Code, § 68115 for the period of March 17, 2020 through May 1, 2020 (“March 30,  
6 2020 Emergency Order”).

7 12. On March 30, 2020, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye issued a state-wide order  
8 further continuing jury trials and extending additional authority to trial courts.

9 13. On March 30, 2020, the Solano County Health Officer extended the shelter in place  
10 order through April 30, 2020.

11 14. On April 1, 2020, Solano County Superior Court Presiding Judge Donna Stashyn  
12 issued a General Order re: Implementation of Emergency Relief authorizing implementation of  
13 the March 30, 2020 Amended Emergency Order by individual judicial officers.

14 **BASED UPON THE ABOVE FINDINGS, IT IS ORDERED:**

15 1. Protection of public health and safety in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic  
16 has necessitated the reduction in court operations. While the court has limited operations, the  
17 operations are restricted to processing and hearing essential matters that are required to comply  
18 with an individual’s constitutional rights, necessitate emergency relief and/or to protect the  
19 health and safety of the public. The orders to shelter in place substantially interfere with the  
20 ability of civil litigants to access legal resources, seek legal assistance and/or file necessary  
21 legal documents.

22 2. With the exception of emergency matters, temporary restraining orders and  
23 preliminary injunctions, civil matters scheduled between March 20, 2020 and May 1, 2020 will  
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1 be postponed. For matters involving small claims, see MISC 002719 Amended Standing  
2 Order Postponing Small Claims Hearings and Trial Setting. For matters involving unlawful  
3 detainers, see MISC 002718 Standing Order Regarding Unlawful Detainer Trials and  
4 Processing of Defaults and Writs of Possession During Emergency Operations. Civil cases for  
5 which published notice was required will remain on calendar only upon confirmation that proof  
6 of publication has been filed or received by the court.

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8 3. With respect to case management conferences, parties are encouraged to continue to  
9 file case management conference reports. The court will review filed reports and, if  
10 appropriate, issue case management orders based upon the submissions. In those  
11 circumstances, the hearing will not be continued but a further case management hearing may be  
12 routinely set with consideration for delays arising from the impact of orders to shelter in place.

13 4. Personal appearances in any civil matter are highly discouraged. Parties and/or  
14 attorneys are encouraged to appear via Courtcall or to contact the department to make  
15 alternative arrangements.

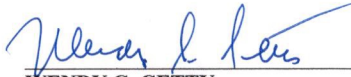
16 5. Defaults in civil matters will not be processed during the period of emergency  
17 operations.

18 6. Because of the rapidly evolving situation and response to the COVID-19 pandemic,  
19 notice of a continued hearing date may not be issued until conclusion of emergency operations.  
20 During the period of emergency operations, the clerk's office will not schedule any civil matter  
21 including law and motion, unless directed to do so by the assigned judicial officer or  
22 Supervising Judge. In the event the need for emergency operations resolves earlier than May 1,  
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1 2020, this order may be revisited.

2 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

3 Dated: April 3, 2020



**WENDY G. GETTY**  
**Supervising Civil Judge**  
**Solano County Superior Court**

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