

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IN RE SMALL CLAIMS WARRANTS OF) STANDING ORDER
ARREST/BENCH WARRANT PURGE)
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Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

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Sherril R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
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Pursuant to relevant portions of the California Government Code and the Code of Civil Procedure, bench warrants issued in Small Claims matters will be retained for the same retention period applicable to the records in the underlying case. If a bench warrant has been issued and there is no return on the warrant, on the court's own motion, it may dismiss the case and immediately destroy the records. (Govt. Code, § 68152(g)(1).)

For cases that have been pending beyond the ten-year retention period of the underlying case and meet at least one of the following exceptions, the court may hold a non-calendared proceeding and issue an order recalling and quashing the warrant previously issued by the assigned Small Claims judicial officer: (1) More than ten years have lapsed since a final disposition was entered and no Application for Renewal has been received; (2) A warrant for the arrest of the judgment debtor who failed to appear and be examined as required by Court Order (Code of Civ. Proc., § 708.170(a)(1)(B)) has been issued; and/or (3) No return on the warrant has been received.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: DEC 13 2019



Judge Samantha P. Jessner
Supervising Judge, Civil Division