


DEPARTMENT 91 | UNLAWFUL DETAINERS | COURTROOM INFORMATION

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COURTROOM HOURS: Monday through Friday (Except for Legal Holidays)
8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.
(Closed for Lunch: 12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.)

SCHEDULING LAW & MOTION HEARINGS:

All regularly noticed motions (including motions to quash, demurrers, discovery motions, and motions for summary judgment) will be heard on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 A.M. Hearing dates must be reserved before filing the motion by calling the calendar clerk at (213) 633-1091 between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. Unless a party is a self-represented litigant or otherwise exempt from mandatory electronic filing requirements, all documents must be electronically filed with the court pursuant to the General Order re Mandatory Electronic Filing for Civil.

INTERPRETERS:

Court-certified language interpreters will be provided to limited English-speaking litigants free of charge. A Spanish interpreter is present daily in Department 91. For any other language needed (e.g., Korean, Mandarin, French, etc.), please make the request at the court's website at

<http://www.lacourt.org/irud/UI/ReqInput.aspx> or inform the Judicial Assistant as soon as possible. When presenting your case in court, a court-certified language interpreter must be used.

COURT REPORTERS:

Effective August 6, 2018, all limited civil proceedings will be electronically recorded by the Court to make the official verbatim record of proceedings as provided in Government Code § 69957 and California Rules of Court rules 2.952 and 2.956(c). California Rules of Court, Emergency Rule 3(a) allows a court to permit remote court reporting.

EX PARTE APPLICATIONS:

Ex parte applications should be noticed for 1:30 p.m. in Department 91. Unless a party is a self-represented litigant or otherwise exempt from mandatory electronic filing requirements, all ex parte applications and supporting papers must be electronically filed by 10:00 A.M. the court day before the ex parte hearing as required by California Rules of Court, Rule 3.1204. Opposition papers for any electronically-filed ex parte application must be electronically filed by 8:00 p.m. the day before the hearing on the ex parte application.

If a party is a self-represented litigant, the party may file an ex parte application and supporting papers by 11:00 A.M. the same day as a hearing set for 1:30 P.M.

Absent good cause, notice must be given by 10:00 a.m. on the court day before the hearing as required by CRC, Rule 3.1204. Please carefully review Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1204 regarding “notice.”

PLEASE CAREFULLY REVIEW WHETHER YOU HAVE A PROPER BASIS TO SEEK EX PARTE RELIEF. There must be an affirmative showing of “irreparable harm, immediate danger, or any other statutory basis for granting relief ex parte.” (See Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.1202 (c).) You will need to demonstrate to the court the reason(s) why you cannot seek the requested relief by means of a noticed motion.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS:

The court strongly encourages the parties to discuss settlement. If the parties are interested in discussing settlement with a mediator, please inform the judicial assistant when checking in for the hearing.

CLERK’S OFFICE AND COURT SUPPORT SERVICES

For Clerk’s Office assistance, if a self-represented litigants are filing documents, please go to Room 102 on the 1st floor to file documents.