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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

December 30, 2020

COVID-19 PROTECTIVE MEASURES RELATED TO FINAL STATUS CONFERENCES IN PERSONAL INJURY COURTROOMS AT SPRING STREET COURTHOUSE

In an effort to reduce the number of in-person appearances in Personal Injury courtrooms in the Spring Street Courthouse, per the recent amended Supplemental Standing Order issued on December 22, 2020, the Court is encouraging remote appearances in Final Status Conferences (FSC) so long as the parties/attorneys submit a joint electronic trial binder in advance of the FSC.

At least **two court days** before the scheduled FSC, parties/counsel must submit via email a joint electronic trial binder to the courtroom in which the FSC will be conducted. The trial documents must be in PDF text searchable format and bookmarked and emailed to the applicable email address listed below:

- Department 27 at sscdept27FSC@LACourt.org
- Department 28 at sscdept28FSC@LACourt.org
- Department 29 at sscdept29FSC@LACourt.org
- Department 31 at sscdept31FSC@LACourt.org
- Department 32 at sscdept32FSC@LACourt.org

Notwithstanding submission of an electronic version of the trial binder to the judge conducting the FSC, the parties/counsel must present the trial binder with hard copies of the requisite documents to the trial judge.

For complete information, please refer to the amended Supplemental Standing Order Re COVID Protective Measures, filed on December 22, 2020 and attached to this notice.

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- g. Each email should have two PDFs attached – one containing the Trial Readiness documents and the other containing the trial briefs and motions in limine, if applicable.
- h. The parties need not submit the evidentiary exhibit binders at the FSC. However, the parties shall prepare the exhibit binders as required in paragraph 5 of the Operative PI FSC Order and be prepared to represent to the court that they have been properly prepared. Hard copies of the exhibit binders will be required for trial.

3. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FSC OBLIGATIONS

The court has discretion to require any party/counsel who fails or refuses to comply with this Supplemental Standing Order to show cause why the Court should not impose monetary, evidentiary and/or issue sanctions (including the entry of a default or the striking of an answer). In addition, failure to timely and fully comply with this order may result in the case not being assigned a trial courtroom by Dept. 1.

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Dated: _____

Samantha P. Jessner
Supervising Judge, Civil
Los Angeles Superior Court