

1 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF BUTTE**

2 **ORDER OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE**

3 **AMENDING FURTHER THE ORDER OF MARCH 18, 2020**

4 **AFFECTING COURT OPERATIONS**

F Superior Court of California F
County of Butte
MAY 07 2020
Kimberly Fiener, Clerk
By LABNO Deputy

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6 WHEREAS the State of California continues to be in a state of emergency as declared by the
7 Governor of California on March 4, 2020, and

8 WHEREAS the recommendation of Public Health officials continues to be to maintain six feet
9 of distance, to wear a facemask in public, and to take health care precautions against the highly contagious
10 COVID-19, and

11 WHEREAS the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases continues to rise on a state and national
12 level, and

13 THEREFORE and based thereon, and for the reasons stated herein and for the reasons stated by
14 this Court in the prior findings and orders:

15 **THIS COURT DOES HEREBY FIND AND ORDER:**

16 The Butte County Superior Court will continue to limit and restrict access to the courthouses and
17 limit proceedings as stated in Attachment A. Any prior orders not in conflict herein remain.

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19 **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**

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21 Dated: 5/7/2020

Clare Keithley
22 Hon. Clare Keithley, Presiding Judge

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ATTACHMENT A

CRIMINAL CALENDARS

1. Prior orders of this Court affecting Court Operations (dated March 18, 2020 and amended March 20, 2020 and March 27, 2020) are extended through June 12, 2020.
2. **BTA Calendars (Out-of-custody Friday morning arraignments)** shall recommence as of June 19, 2020. Matters set on calendar dates in May through June 12, 2020 will be re-set and re-noticed by the court.
3. **Traffic:**
 - a. Matters shall continue to be called at the North County Courthouse (NCCH), with a limit to 15 cases at 8:30 a.m.
 - b. Any “extension fee” for non-mandatory appearances pursuant to Penal Code section 1205(e) will be waived through June 12, 2020.
 - c. Traffic Court Trials shall recommence as scheduled as of June 1, 2020.

CIVIL CALENDARS

1. **The following calendars shall recommence as of May 18, 2020:**
 - a. Civil Court Trials
 - b. Trial Readiness Conferences
 - c. Mandatory Settlement Conferences
 - d. Pre-Trial Discovery Conferences
 - e. Law and Motion Calendars
 - f. Case Management Calendars
 - g. Small Claims
 - h. Unlawful Detainers (subject to restrictions as separately ordered by this Court, the Judicial Council and the State of California)
 - i. Civil Harassments

- 1 2. **Probate:** All Probate calendars shall recommence as regularly scheduled as of May 18, 2020.
- 2 a. LPS calendars shall continue to be heard as scheduled on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Counsel
- 3 may appear by CourtCall or appear in Court. Clients may appear telephonically or the
- 4 attorneys may appear on their behalf.
- 5 b. Guardianship of Minors: Annual reviews shall continue to be conducted ex-parte and
- 6 continued for one year if the guardianship continues to be in the best interest of the minor.
- 7 Petitions for guardianship and termination of guardianship will still be heard on
- 8 Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. at NCCH.
- 9 3. **CourtCall:** Pursuant to Emergency Local Rules 1.10(b)(1) – 1.10(b)(3), **all appearances** in
- 10 Civil and Probate matters are to be by CourtCall except that pro per litigants may appear in person
- 11 if they choose to not use CourtCall.
- 12 4. **Court Mediation** services in Civil Harassment or Unlawful Detainer matters will not be
- 13 available until after June 30, 2020. Mediation services in Small Claims may be available
- 14 commencing May 22, 2020, pending mediator availability.
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16 **FAMILY CALENDARS**

- 17 1. **Long Cause Hearings** will remain as currently scheduled with any new dates or new matters set
- 18 for dates in August or beyond.
- 19 2. **RFO Calendars:**
- 20 a. RFO matters will continue to be limited as follows:
- 21 i. Calendars will continue to be split between a.m. and p.m. sessions, with no more
- 22 than 12 matters per session for each Department (Judge Keithley, Judge
- 23 McLean).
- 24 ii. All Domestic Violence matters shall be set on the afternoon sessions.
- 25 iii. Once the cap is reached, no other cases shall be set for that calendar for that week
- 26 unless required by statutory timelines or an order shortening time.
- 27 3. **VIP (Day-of-Court Child Custody Mediation):** VIP services continue to be suspended through
- 28 June 30, 2020.

1 4. **Child Custody Mediation:**

2 a. Access to Mediation continues to be limited to phone interviews or as Mediation directs.

3 5. **Case Status Conferences** set through June 30, 2020 shall be continued for six months.

4 6. **DCSS Calendars** shall recommence May 19, 2020.

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6 **JUVENILE CALENDARS**

7 1. **Dependency (WI 300) Calendars:** No change from prior orders.

8 2. **Delinquency (WI 602) and Transitional-Aged-Youth (TAY) Calendars:** No change from
9 prior orders.

10 3. **Juvenile Traffic:** Calendars shall recommence May 22, 2020.

11 4. **Adoptions:**

12 a. Adoption calendars shall recommence as regularly scheduled as of May 19, 2020.

13 b. No persons other than the prospective adoptive parent or a 12-year-old or older child(ren)
14 may attend.

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16 **APPELLATE CALENDAR**

17 1. The calendar will resume as of June 26, 2020. Matters may be set for that date.

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19 **COURTHOUSE AND COURTROOM ACCESS**

20 1. **Access to the courthouses remains limited, consistent with this Court's prior orders.**

21 2. **Clerk's Counter:** Shall be open from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at both the Butte County Courthouse
22 in Oroville and the North County Courthouse in Chico.