



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA County of Sacramento

Public Notice - Civil Division

Establishment of Civil Home Court Departments Effective November 10, 2025

Effective **November 10, 2025**, the Civil Division will implement the Civil Home Court model - a service delivery system designed to promote consistency, efficiency, and improved access to justice. Over the years, the Court's civil caseload has grown significantly, and the volume requires an expansion and redesign. All civil cases (except for prerogative writs of mandate, complex civil, unlawful detainer, probate, and civil harassment restraining orders) will be assigned to a single Civil Home Court Department, which will hear all civil case management and law and motion proceedings. This expansion will improve how civil cases are managed from start to finish, providing quicker access to hearing dates and ensuring a more streamlined experience for all parties involved. The current Case Management Program and Law and Motion Departments will merge, forming the Civil Home Court Departments:



To effectively transition to Civil Home Courts, the Court will complete the following between **October 6, 2025 and November 10, 2025**:

- Reassign civil cases with pending civil case management and/or law and motion hearings;
- Delay scheduling of case management conferences for new civil cases initiated between October 6th and November 7th;
- Suspend law and motion hearing reservations (except ex parte hearings);
- Implement a temporary process for parties to reserve law and motion Ex Parte hearings via telephone;
- Implement a temporary process for parties to submit Motions with "TBD" as the hearing date.

Full implementation details are outlined below, and additional information is available in Standing Order # SSC-25-7.

Civil Home Court Implementation Details

I. REASSIGNMENT OF CIVIL CASES TO CIVIL HOME COURT DEPARTMENTS:

Civil cases assigned to existing civil case management or law and motion Departments will be reassigned and distributed evenly among the four Civil Home Court Departments.

All Civil cases with a pending civil case management or law and motion hearing will be reassigned and the court will send a Notice of Reassignment to Civil Home Court Department and Rescheduled Hearing, which will include:

- Civil Home Court department assignment
- Updated hearing dates, time, and department
- Applicable department calendar and tentative ruling information

All applicable civil cases filed **after November 10th, 2025**, will automatically be assigned to one of the four Civil Home Court Departments and will receive a Notice of Case Assignment at the time of case initiation.

Beginning November 10, 2025, parties must check the Court's [Public Portal](#) to verify the Civil Home Court department assignment and confirm any reserved and/or scheduled hearing dates and times for their civil cases.

II. LAW AND MOTION MATTERS

a. Cases with Reserved or Scheduled Law and Motion Hearings on or before November 7, 2025

Law and motion hearings reserved or scheduled on or before November 7, 2025 will remain calendared as-is and be heard by the currently assigned law and motion department (Dept. 53 or 54).

b. Temporary Law and Motion Reservation System CLOSURE Oct. 6 – Nov. 10, 2025

The Court will suspend its law and motion reservation system between October 6th and November 10th while applicable civil cases are being reassigned to a civil home court department.

Effective 8:00 a.m. on October 6, 2025, the Court's law and motion reservation system will be CLOSED to pro per litigants and all counsel. The civil law and motion reservation system will reopen at 8:00 a.m., November 10, 2025. Pro per litigants and all counsel will be unable to obtain a new law and motion reservation with the exception of an Ex Parte Hearing for ANY date, not just a date during the closure period. Upon reopening of the reservation system, pro per litigants and all counsel will be able to access the reservation system in the same manner as prior to the closure.

c. Temporary Law and Motion Filing Process During Hearing Reservation Closure

Pro per litigants and all counsel will still be permitted to FILE motions/applications/etc. during the closure period. The uninterrupted ability to file such documents is intended to permit counsel and pro per litigants to make filings by applicable deadlines imposed by law. Any filing made during the closure period that is associated with a matter that will be placed on calendar in the future (and for which the moving party does not yet have a reserved date and time) must include a “TBD” for the hearing date and time.

All moving papers, oppositions, and replies can be e-Filed, filed in person at the Hall of Justice Building, 813 6th Street, Room 212, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814, or sent by mail to 720 9th Street, Room 102, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Upon reopening of the Court’s hearing reservation system, the moving party who filed a law and motion document with ‘TBD’ listed as the hearing between Oct.6th and Nov. 7th **must make a reservation for the applicable motion/application/etc.** The moving party **must then file and serve an amended notice of hearing**, providing the opposing party with sufficient notice as required by the applicable statute prior to the reserved hearing date. The Court *will not* sua sponte assign a hearing date/time reservation for any matter filed during the closure period.

The moving party’s failure to timely obtain a reservation after the closure period may result in an inability to timely hear the subject motion/application/etc. A party’s failure to read and understand this requirement *shall not constitute good cause* for an order shortening time to hear the subject motion/application/etc., nor shall it constitute good cause for advancing the hearing date.

Effective November 10th, 2025, parties are strongly encouraged to visit the Court’s [Public Portal](#) to verify their department assignment prior to making a reservation using the Court’s civil law and motion reservation system.

d. Temporary Ex Parte Hearing Reservation Process During Pause

Law and motion ex parte hearings will still be set during the October 6 - November 7, 2025 closure period. Reservations for such hearings may only be made by calling 916-874-7848 or 916-874-7858.

All ex parte papers can be e-Filed, filed in person at the Hall of Justice Building, 813 6th Street, Room 212, 2nd Floor Sacramento, CA 95814, or sent by mail to 720 9th Street, Room 102, Sacramento, CA 95814.

III. CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM MATTERS

a) Delayed Scheduling of Case Management Conferences for Cases Initiated Between Oct. 6th – Nov. 7th

The Court will pause scheduling case management conferences in all applicable civil matters initiated during the October 6 - November 7, 2025 closure period.

Beginning November 10th, the Court resume setting initial case management conferences in all applicable civil matters. This will include any cases initiated during the closure period and will provide parties with a Notice of Case Assignment and Initial Case Management Conference.

The deadline for filing and serving the Case Management Conference Statements will be based upon the date of the initial case management conference once it has been scheduled. Parties must continue to serve all named parties and ensure that all defendants and cross-defendants have responded, been dismissed, or had defaults entered.

b) Case Management Hearings Scheduled Before November 7, 2025

Case management hearings scheduled on or before November 7, 2025 will remain calendared as-is and will be heard by the currently assigned CMP department (Department 25 or 28).