

**Sacramento Superior Court**  
**Changes to Civil Case Processing - Effective 2014**  
**Amended 12/20/13**

**JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

Effective January 1, 2014 (unless otherwise noted), the following Civil judicial assignments take effect:

<b>Civil Assignment</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Judge</b>
Civil Presiding Judge Ex Parte- Unlimited Civil	Dept 47	Presiding Judge Robert C. Hight
Civil Presiding Judge Law and Motion – Unlimited Civil	Dept 47	Presiding Judge Robert C. Hight
Civil Trial Assignment	Dept 47	Presiding Judge Robert C. Hight
Limited Civil Pretrial Calendar	Dept 13	Assistant Presiding Judge/Supervising Civil Judge, Kevin R. Culhane (new)
Complex Civil Cases	Dept 35	Judge Alan G. Perkins (no change)
Order of Examination (OX)	Dept 45	Judge Judy Holzer Hersher
Fee Waivers	Dept 32	Judge Emily E. Vasquez (no change)
Firearms Calendar (Effective January 17, 2014)	Dept 37	Judge Ben Davidian
Law and Motion	Dept 53	Judge David I. Brown (no change)
Law and Motion	Dept 54	Judge Raymond M. Cadei (no change)
Minors Compromise (Effective January 13, 2014)	Dept 44	Judge Christopher E. Krueger
Civil Case Management	Dept 36	Judge Gerrit W. Wood (no change)
Civil Case Management	Dept 39	Judge David W. Abbott (no change)
Writ of Mandate/CEQA	Dept 24	Judge Shelleyanne W. L. Chang
Writ of Mandate/CEQA	Dept 29	Judge Timothy M. Frawley (no change)
Writ of Mandate/CEQA	Dept 31	Judge Michael P. Kenny (no change)
Writ of Mandate/CEQA	Dept 42	Judge Allen H. Sumner (no change)

**NEW LIMITED CIVIL CASE PROGRAM**

Pursuant to Local Rule 2.21 limited civil cases are excluded from the Court’s civil case management program Effective 1/1/14.

**2.21 Limited Civil Cases.**

Pursuant to California Rule of Court 3.720(b), all Limited Civil Cases are exempt from the Case Management Program. Alternative procedures for processing limited civil actions, including requests for trial setting, arbitration and mediation, can be found on the Court’s website at [www.saccourt.ca.gov/civil](http://www.saccourt.ca.gov/civil) (Adopted 1/1/2014)

This new program applies to all active limited civil cases that are pending on or after 1/1/2014.

**CHANGES RESULTING FROM NEW LEGISLATION**

**AB 648 – Court Reporter fees for civil matters lasting one hour or less:**

- The Court will be charging one \$30 fee for each CASE on calendar wherein all matters are concluded in one hour or less.
- Fees will continue to be due after a request for hearing has been made and prior to the hearing occurring. Fees are to be paid in the Civil Lobby, Room 102, of the Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse.

**Government Code section 70632/California Rule of Court 8.130(b)(1):**

Effective 1/1/14, the Court will charge a \$50 fee to cover trial court costs associated with administering a trust account for payment of a reporter’s transcript in a civil appeal.