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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

**ORDER**

**RESUMPTION OF SPECIFIED CIVIL SERVICES AND PROCEEDINGS  
PHASED AND LIMITED RESETTING OF CIVIL TRIAL AND MSC DATES;  
PRESIDING JUDGE LAW AND MOTION**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Presiding Judge's March 17, 2020 Order re: Implementation of Emergency Relief (March 17th Order), among other things, continued until further notice, all previously-set Mandatory Settlement Conference (MSC) and trial dates for all civil cases. Based upon current projections regarding the Court's anticipated ability and capacity to hold civil trials at the Gordon D. Schaber Courthouse (Schaber Courthouse), the Presiding Judge has determined that the Court may commence a phased and limited resetting of previously-continued civil trials and MSCs as set forth herein and delineated in more detail in the Court's associated public notice and website.

Additionally, the Presiding Judge has determined that the Court is able to resume hearing the full scope of Presiding Judge Law and Motion matters set forth in Local Rules 1.05 and 1.07 by remote appearance in Department 47.

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1           **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

2           1.       Commencing August 3, 2020, for those cases that had a trial date set in  
3 Department 47 (and corresponding MSC date set in Department 59) that was continued by the  
4 March 17th Order, the Court, through the Supervising Civil Judge's Department, will begin re-  
5 referring such cases in groups and phases to the COVID-19 Trial Setting Process (TSP) for the  
6 parties' selection of new MSC and trial dates, provided the case has not been settled/dismissed  
7 and remains at-issue.

8           2.       Earliest available trial dates through TSP will begin in January 2021. Earliest  
9 available corresponding MSC dates through TSP will begin in late November/early December  
10 2020.

11          3.       Each case that is re-referred to TSP for selection of new MSC and trial dates will  
12 receive a case-specific re-referral order from the Supervising Civil Judge's Department. Upon  
13 receiving their re-referral order, the parties shall follow the instructions therein and on the Court's  
14 "COVID-19 Trial Setting Process" webpage. Re-referral orders will be sent in groups and phases  
15 during the period of August through December 2020. Parties shall not utilize TSP until receipt of  
16 their case-specific re-referral order.

17          4.       For further details regarding the process of resetting trial and MSC dates and  
18 related matters, parties shall refer to the Public Notice - Civil Division re: COVID-19 Phased and  
19 Limited Resetting of Trial and Mandatory Settlement Conference Dates, available on the Court's  
20 website at [www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/coronavirus.aspx](http://www.saccourt.ca.gov/general/coronavirus.aspx).

21          5.       Parties are advised that the Court's re-referral of cases to TSP for selection of new  
22 MSC and trial dates is based upon current projections regarding the Court's anticipated ability  
23 and capacity to hold civil trials at the Schaber Courthouse by the time of the dates available  
24 through the COVID-19 TSP webpage. The Court will continue to evaluate the environmental  
25 conditions and required health and safety measures regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. The  
26 Court will advise if additional changes to future operations, including civil trials, become  
27 necessary.

28          6.       Cases that were already assigned or were pre-assigned to a judge for trial at the

1 Schaber Courthouse shall be subject to rescheduling of trial and/or MSC dates pursuant to the  
2 trial judge's discretion, taking into consideration the anticipated status of Court operations  
3 including the Court's ability and capacity to hold civil trials at the Schaber Courthouse. Cases  
4 with trials that are being reset through other court divisions (e.g., Probate trials), shall be subject  
5 to such rescheduling and will not be re-referred to TSP.

6 7. Commencing August 3, 2020, the Presiding Judge Law and Motion calendar shall  
7 be open to the full scope of matters set forth in Local Rules 1.05 and 1.07, by remote appearance  
8 in Department 47. The protocol for filing motions/applications in the Presiding Judge's  
9 Department shall remain as set forth in the May 18, 2020 Public Notice – Civil Division re:  
10 Implementation of Limited Presiding Judge Law and Motion.

11 **THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THIS ORDER MAY BE**  
12 **AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.**

13 DATED: August 3, 2020



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15 **RUSSELL L. HOM**  
16 **PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT**

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