



**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO**

**PUBLIC ACCESS TO CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS AND ALL OTHER NON-STREAMED  
CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**

Criminal jury trials including voir dire, Collaborative Courts and all other specified proceedings will not be streamed to the public. In order to provide access to the public, these courtrooms will afford designated seats for the members of the public to attend the proceedings in person. The public seats will be selected by lottery. The media will follow the existing media policy and media requests received will be submitted to the judge for review and consideration.

The lottery process for the general public for criminal jury trials will be conducted as follows:

Dept. 9

1. Dept 9 will pre-assign all criminal jury trials every Wednesday for the following week.
2. The pre-assigned trial calendar will be posted every Wednesday to the court's website at <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/indexes/attorneys.aspx>.
3. For members of the public who wish to attend the trial in person and reserve a public seat will email the PIO of their interest by 12 noon on the last court day preceeding the weekly trial calendars at [sscpio@saccourt.ca.gov](mailto:sscpio@saccourt.ca.gov).
4. The PIO will send the trial department (department email inbox and Trial Judge) the number of public requests received.
5. At the pretrial conference, the trial judge will discuss the public seating interest with counsel. Counsel will convey whether they have victims or family members who would be afforded the public seats.

6. Following the pretrial conference, the courtroom clerk will communicate to the PIO how many seats are available for the public. The courtroom clerk will also advise the PIO of family member/victims names who have been granted in person access.
7. If necessary, the lottery selection will be made by the PIO. The PIO will notify the requestors of the court's decision.
8. The PIO will submit a list of the members of the public, victims/family members/witnesses who have been granted access to the department to the Sheriff at entrance screening.
9. The general public will have access to the trial for one week only. For lengthier trials, if they wish to continue further, they will resubmit their request to the PIO by noon that Friday to be reconsidered in the lottery process.

#### All other Departments

1. Any department that will not be live-streaming proceedings will be specified on the court's website at <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/criminal/hearing-livestreams.aspx>.
2. The calendars will be posted one week prior to the scheduled hearing date to the court's website at <https://www.saccourt.ca.gov/indexes/attorneys.aspx>.
3. For members of the public who wish to attend the specified proceedings in person and reserve a public seat will email the PIO of their interest by 12 noon the last court day prior to the scheduled calendar week at [sscpio@saccourt.ca.gov](mailto:sscpio@saccourt.ca.gov).
4. The PIO will send the department (department email inbox and Judge) the number of public requests received.
5. The lottery selection will be made by the PIO and the PIO will notify the selected members of the public.
6. The PIO will submit a list of the members of the public who will be granted access to the department to the Sheriff at entrance screening.
7. The public will have access to the department for the requested session only. If they wish to continue further, they will resubmit their request to the PIO by noon that Friday to be reconsidered in the lottery process