

Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NOTICE OF CLOSURE OF BARSTOW, BIG BEAR AND NEEDLES COURTS AND REASSIGNMENT OF CASES

The Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, intends to close all courtrooms in the Barstow District, Big Bear District and Needles District and reassign the cases pending in those districts, effective May 6, 2013. The closures compel the Court to also reassign cases in the Victorville District, San Bernardino District and Rancho Cucamonga Districts. The Court finds it necessary to take these actions due to severe ongoing budget reductions.

Civil unlimited and limited cases, including small claims and landlord-tenant cases, family law cases, including adoptions, matters of domestic violence, guardianship matters, traffic matters and criminal cases, including felonies, misdemeanors and non-traffic infractions, are currently filed and heard in the Barstow and Needles Districts. Civil unlimited and limited cases, including small claims and landlord-tenant cases, and traffic and non-traffic infractions are currently heard in the Big Bear District. Effective May 6, 2013, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, will close all courtrooms and discontinue operations in the Barstow District, the Big Bear District and the Needles District.

Cases arising out of the Barstow District, Big Bear District and Needles District will be reassigned as follows:

Reassignment of Barstow District Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all civil unlimited and limited cases, **excluding** small claims cases and landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases, presently heard in the Barstow District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District - Civil Division, located at 303 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA, 92415.

Effective May 6, 2013, the following case types presently heard in the Barstow District will be filed and heard in the Victorville District, located at 14455 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92392:

- Felonies
- Misdemeanors
- Traffic Infractions
- Non-Traffic Infractions (e.g. Code Enforcement, Fish and Game, etc.)
- Small Claims
- Landlord Tenant (Unlawful Detainer)
- Family Law

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- Adoptions
- Civil Harassment Restraining Orders
- Name Change Petitions
- Petitions for the Return of Firearms
- Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

Effective May 6, 2013, all guardianships matters presently heard in the Barstow District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District – Criminal and Family Division, located at 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Reassignment of Big Bear District Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all civil unlimited and limited cases, **excluding** small claims cases and landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases, presently heard in the Big Bear District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District - Civil Division, located at 303 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA, 92415.

Effective May 6, 2013, the following case types presently heard in the Big Bear District will be filed and heard in the Victorville District, located at 14455 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92392:

- Traffic Infractions
- Non- Traffic Infractions (e.g. Code Enforcement, Fish and Game, etc.)
- Small Claims
- Landlord Tenant (Unlawful Detainer)
- Family Law
- Adoptions
- Civil Harassment Restraining Orders
- Name Change Petitions
- Petitions for the Return of Firearms
- Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

Effective May 6, 2013, all guardianships matters presently heard in the Big Bear District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District – Criminal and Family Division, located at 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Reassignment of Needles District Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all civil unlimited and limited cases, **excluding** small claims cases and landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases, presently heard in the Needles District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District - Civil Division, located at 303 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA, 92415-0210.

Effective May 6, 2013, the following Needles case types presently heard in the Barstow District will be filed and heard in the Victorville District, located at 14455 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92392:

- Felonies
- Misdemeanors

Effective May 6, 2013, the following case types presently heard in the Needles District will be filed and heard in the Joshua Tree District, located at 6527 White Feather Road, Joshua Tree, CA 92552:

- Traffic Infractions
- Non- Traffic Infractions (e.g. Code Enforcement, Fish and Game, etc.)
- Small Claims
- Landlord Tenant (Unlawful Detainer)
- Family Law
- Adoptions
- Civil Harassment Restraining Orders
- Name Change Petitions
- Petitions for the Return of Firearms
- Domestic Violence Restraining Orders

Effective May 6, 2013, all guardianships matters presently heard in the Needles District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District – Criminal and Family Division, located at 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0240.

Other reassignments will be made as follows:

Reassignment of Victorville District Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all civil unlimited and limited cases presently heard in the Victorville District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District - Civil Division, located at 303 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA, 92415. Requests for civil harassment restraining orders, petitions for name change, requests for domestic violence restraining orders and petitions for the return of firearms will continue to be filed and heard in the Victorville District.

Effective May 6, 2013, all juvenile delinquency cases, including juvenile delinquency drug court cases, presently heard in the Victorville District will be filed and heard in the Juvenile Court District in San Bernardino, located at 900 East Gilbert Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Reassignment of San Bernardino District Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases presently heard in the San Bernardino District will be filed and heard in the Fontana District, located at 17780 Arrow Boulevard, Fontana, CA 92335.

Effective May 6, 2013, all small claims cases presently heard in the San Bernardino District will be filed and heard in the Fontana District, located at 17780 Arrow Boulevard, Fontana, CA 92335.

Reassignment of Rancho Cucamonga District Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases will be heard in the Fontana District, located at 17780 Arrow Boulevard, Fontana, CA 92335.

Landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases arising out of the Rancho Cucamonga District will continue to be filed in the Rancho Cucamonga District.

Effective May 6, 2013, all small claims cases arising out of the Rancho Cucamonga District will be heard in the Fontana District, located at 17780 Arrow Boulevard, Fontana, CA 92335. Small claims cases arising out of the Rancho Cucamonga District will continue to be filed in the Rancho Cucamonga District.

Reassignment of Juvenile Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all juvenile delinquency cases countywide, including juvenile delinquency drug court cases, will be filed and heard in the Juvenile Court District in San Bernardino, located at 900 East Gilbert Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Effective May 6, 2013, all juvenile dependency cases countywide will continue to be heard in the Juvenile Court District in San Bernardino, located at 860 East Gilbert Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Reassignment of Guardianship Cases

Effective May 6, 2013, all guardianship cases countywide will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District – Criminal and Family Division, located at 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA, 92415-0210.

Parties with existing cases set for hearing on or after May 6, 2013 will be notified by mail of the department to which their case has been reassigned.

California faces a financial crisis of historical proportions and neither the Superior Court for San Bernardino County nor the California judicial system is exempt from having to deal with the crisis. After careful deliberation, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court for San Bernardino County has concluded that the changes set forth above are a necessary part of the Court's most reasonable and measured plan to meet its extremely difficult financial challenges.

This notice has been posted on the Court's website at www.sb-court.org.

All public comments must be sent via e-mail to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court at may2013changes@sb-court.org. Comments must be received by April 27, 2013.

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