

## Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino PUBLIC NOTICE

## PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68106

**DATE:** November 29, 2012

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## NOTICE OF CLOSURE OF ONE COURTROOM IN THE JOSHUA TREE DISTRICT AND REASSIGNMENT OF THE CIVIL UNLIMITED AND LIMITED CASES FROM THE JOSHUA TREE DISTRICT

The Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, intends to close one courtroom in the Joshua Tree District and reassign the civil caseload. Effective Monday, February 4, 2013, Department M-3 of the Joshua Tree District, located in Joshua Tree, California, will be closed. Only Unlawful Detainer (Landlord-Tenant), Small Claims, Civil Harassment and Civil Name Change cases arising out of the Joshua Tree District will continue to be filed and heard in the Joshua Tree District. All other civil matters arising out of the Joshua Tree District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District, Civil Division at 303 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0210.

Parties with existing Joshua Tree District Civil cases set for hearing on or after February 4, 2013, will be notified by mail of the reassignment to a department at the San Bernardino District, Civil Division, except for those cases, as noted above, that will continue to be filed and heard in the Joshua Tree District.

The decision to reduce the number of courtrooms in Joshua Tree District and reassign the Civil case load was made by the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino. There are great financial exigencies facing all governmental entities in California and Superior Court of San Bernardino County and the California judicial system are not exempt from having to deal with these extreme financial circumstances. After much careful deliberation, the changes the Presiding Judge has set forth above constitute a reasonable and measured way by which the court can, to some degree, meet these financial challenges while, at the same time, imposing as minimal an impact as possible on our commitment to providing the citizens of San Bernardino County with equal access to justice under the law.

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 <u>joshuatree@sb-court.org</u>. Comments must be received by January 28, 2013.