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CIVIL DIVISION ANNOUNCES CHANGES EFFECTIVE JUNE 28 DUE TO ELIMINATION OF SOCIAL DISTANCING IN ALL LOS ANGELES COUNTY COURTHOUSES

As a result of Presiding Judge Eric C. Taylor's new General Order (2021-GEN-023-00), which lifts social distancing restrictions in all Los Angeles County courthouses effective today, Monday, June 28, 2021, the Civil Division announces the following changes, also effective June 28:

- All Civil jury trials will no longer be coordinated through Dept. 1, 111 N. Hill Street,
 Los Angeles. Dept. 1 will continue to be a master calendar for assignment to trial for
 Personal Injury (PI) Hub cases, those PI-complicated cases not to be tried in the
 assigned I/C court, as well as non-Stanley Mosk Unlawful Detainer, Limited or Long
 Cause cases, as it was before the pandemic.
- Mandatory Status Conferences (MSC) or mediation are no longer required within 90 days prior to a Civil jury trial (except for certain PI cases, which will take advantage of the <u>recently announced</u> Resolve Law LA Virtual MSC Program). Already-set MSCs will remain on calendar unless otherwise ordered by the judicial officer presiding over the case.

The Court continues to strongly encourage litigants and counsel to appear remotely through LACourtConnect for pretrial hearings, including for status conferences, motions or other proceedings, as well as for Small Claims hearings and bench trials.

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