



Superior Court of California County of San Diego

NOTICE TO LITIGANTS AND COUNSEL

Re: Downtown Hall of Justice Independent Calendar Cases Only-

As you may be aware, unprecedented budget cuts have forced the San Diego Superior Court to close seven departments that previously handled civil cases. This has required the reassignment of thousands of cases to other Independent Calendar Departments at the Hall of Justice, and has necessitated vacating previously set trial and motion dates in most of these cases.

The Court recognizes that litigants and attorneys have planned their schedules around certain trial dates, and that losing those dates may be an undesirable result for everyone involved. Accordingly, parties are encouraged to stipulate to either (1) retain prior trial and related dates; or (2) if retention is not practicable, propose alternate dates. Please be aware that prior dates may be retained or alternate dates proposed *only if there are no law-and-motion matters that need to be rescheduled*.

A form for such a stipulation is attached for your use. Please list the prior (now vacated) dates in the first column. The proposed dates via stipulation (second column) may be either the same dates as previously ordered or alternate dates. Proposed dates for Trial Calls and Trial Readiness Conferences *must be on Fridays*. The Court will insert the hearing times for the Trial Readiness Conference and Trial Call. The Trial Readiness Conference should be two weeks before the trial date selected.

The Court thanks you in advance for your cooperation in these difficult circumstances.