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**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

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**GENERAL ORDER OF THE
PRESIDING DEPARTMENT**

ORDER NO. 033016

The Court is committed to equal access to justice for all court users. Without proper language assistance, limited-English-proficient (“LEP”) court users may find it difficult to participate meaningfully in the judicial process. The Court has historically provided interpreters in all criminal cases, juvenile cases, and other certain types of proceedings specified by law. The Court has also provided interpreters in civil cases when one was available. The Court has now expanded this service to all case types.

Thus, whenever possible given available resources and in accordance with applicable law, the Court will provide language access services to LEP court users in all areas of the court, including civil, family, probate, and small claims courtroom proceedings. Any court policy or prior rule that is inconsistent with this General Order, including but not limited to San Diego Superior Court Local Rule 5.14.3, is hereby rendered void and shall have no further force or effect.

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1 Information concerning obtaining an interpreter and for making complaints about
2 language access may be obtained by writing the Court's Executive Office at 220 W. Broadway,
3 San Diego, CA 92101, or by sending an e-mail to languageaccess@sdcourt.ca.gov.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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6 Dated: March 30, 2016



7 **HON. JEFFREY B. BARTON**
8 **PRESIDING JUDGE**

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