

**DIVISION I  
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE**

**CHAPTER 1  
SCOPE OF RULES**

These rules apply to all cases filed in or transferred to the courts of San Diego County.

**Rule 1.1.1**

**Construction Citation and Effect of Rules**

These rules are known and cited as the "San Diego Superior Court Rules" and are at all times supplementary to and subject to statutes, the California Rules of Court, and any rules adopted by the Judicial Council and are to be construed and applied so they do not conflict with such rules and statutes. These rules have no retroactive effect or application.

(Adopted 1/1/1998; Rev. 1/1/2000; Rev. 1/1/2004; Renum. 1/1/2006)

**Rule 1.1.2**

**Construction and Application of Rules**

These rules will be construed to secure the efficient administration of the business of the court and to promote and facilitate the administration of justice by the court. Division, section, rule, and paragraph headings do not affect the scope, meaning, or intent of the provisions of these rules. If any part of a rule is held invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid parts remain in effect. If a rule is held invalid in one or more of its applications, the rule remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

(Adopted 1/1/1998; Rev. 1/1/2000; Renum. 1/1/2006)

**Rule 1.1.3**

**Definition of Words**

The definitions set forth in the California Rules of Court for the trial courts apply to these rules with equal force and for all purposes, unless the context or the subject matter requires otherwise.

"Answer" includes response.

"Case management conference" includes what was formerly referred to as "status conference."

"Complaint" includes cross-complaint and petition.

"County" means the County of San Diego, State of California.

"Court" means the Superior Court of the County of San Diego and includes any judge, commissioner, referee, and temporary judge currently serving on the bench of any division in the county.

"Day" means a calendar day, unless otherwise specified.

"Defendant" includes cross-defendant and respondent.

"Party," or other designation of a party, includes such party's attorney of record.

"Plaintiff" includes cross-complainant and petitioner.

"Rule" refers to a rule of the San Diego Superior Court, unless otherwise indicated.

(Adopted 1/1/1998; Rev. 1/1/1999; Rev. 1/1/2000; Rev. 1/1/2004; Renum. 1/1/2006)

**Rule 1.1.4**

**New, Amended, Repealed Rules**

Any rule may be amended or repealed, and new rules may be added by majority vote of the judges of the San Diego Superior Court.

(Adopted 1/1/1998; Rev. 1/1/2000; Renum. 1/1/2006)