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

10 **IN RE SUSPENSION OF LOCAL RULE**) **GENERAL ORDER OF THE**
11 **1.4.5 REGARDING COURT REPORTER**) **PRESIDING DEPARTMENT**
12 **AVAILABILITY AND NON**) **ORDER NO. 090512**
13 **AVAILABILITY**)
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15 **THE COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:**

16 The San Diego Court has estimated that it faces as much as a \$14 million cut in funding
17 for FY 2012-2013, and predicts the total cuts for fiscal year 2013-2014 could rise to \$40 million
18 or more. These cuts are in addition to reductions incurred during the preceding four fiscal years.
19 As a result, the Court is facing the most significant reduction of services in its history. As a
20 result, the Court has determined that it will no longer be able to provide court reporters at the
21 Court's expense in matters where it is not legally required to do so. That change will take effect
22 on November 1, 2012.

23 The San Diego Superior Court Local Rules currently contain provisions regarding
24 availability of court reporters that will no longer apply when this change takes effect. This Order
25 is issued pursuant to the authority set forth in Rule 10.603 of the California Rules of Court, and
26 as authorized by the San Diego Superior Court Executive Committee.

27 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, on and after November 1, 2012, and until further order
28 of the court or amendment to the San Diego Superior Court Local Rules:

1 San Diego Superior Court Local Rule 1.4.5, relating to availability of court reporters, is
2 suspended.

3 The court's general policy concerning court reporter availability shall be published in a
4 newspaper and posted on the court's website and in the clerk's office in each courthouse. That
5 policy, specific information regarding matters in which the services of official court reporters are
6 normally available (or not available), and related materials, will be posted on the court's website
7 at www.sdcourt.ca.gov.

8 If the services of an official court reporter are not available for a hearing or trial in a civil
9 case, a party may privately arrange for court reporter services at their expense, pursuant to
10 California Rules of Court, rule 2.956. This includes cases where a hearing or trial continues to or
11 past November 1, 2012. Parties, counsel, and any court reporters they retain must comply with
12 court policies and procedures regarding the private retention of reporters, which will be posted
13 on the court's web site and should be consulted prior to arranging for such a court reporter.

14 To the extent that any Local Rule is inconsistent with this General Order, that Local Rule
15 is hereby suspended.

16 This Order shall expire on December 31, 2012, unless otherwise ordered by this court.

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18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

19 DATED: September 5, 2012



HON. ROBERT J. TRENTACOSTA
PRESIDING JUDGE