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San Diego Superior Court Unveils New Family Law Computer Program

Implementation of System Will Cause Initial Delays

Beginning August 24, 2015, the San Diego Superior Court will begin implementing a new Family Law computer program. The case management system, called Odyssey, will move the Court from a paper-based system to an electronic program and will enable employees to begin the process of providing increased public access to the Court.

Court officials are advising the public the computer program transition will be a slow one and will occur over time. In order to ensure an orderly transition to the new system and allow employees to move to the new operating system:

- Calendars in all family law departments are being set lighter than normal in August and September.
- The light scheduling will result in some lengthening of the wait time for non-emergency matters to be heard in family law courtrooms over the next few months.
- Court Officials anticipate the inconvenience will be of short duration.

According to Asst. Presiding Judge Jeffrey Barton: "This transition enables the court to retire an old, obsolete DOS-based operating system that is difficult to maintain and doomed to fail. The new system will enable the court, over time, to develop an online internet accessible

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court which will greatly improve access and convenience for the public and bar in family law”.

“We in Family Court continually strive to provide better access to our services for parents, couples and families. This new case management system is an important part of our efforts. We are pleased that the court selected our division to be the first to make the transition to the new system. This system will eventually allow parties’ on-line access to their files thus avoiding unnecessary trips to court to obtain copies of documents, confirm court hearing dates or review other important matters,” says Judge Maureen Hallahan, the Supervising Judge of Family Law.

This new computer program transition marks the first improvement in the San Diego Superior Court Family Law system in more than twenty years.

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