

Superior Court of California

County of San Diego

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

COURT TO EXPAND IMAGING AND E-FILING PROGRAM TO FAMILY LAW CASES FILED PRIOR TO AUGUST 24, 2015

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

In 2015, the San Diego Superior Court ("court") began an Imaging Program in Family Court ("Imaging Program"), whereby cases initiated and assigned to the family law departments or the family support division, filed on or after August 24, 2015, were imaged and stored electronically. All such cases are currently designated as "Imaged Cases." In 2020, the court also began allowing electronic filing ("e-filing") of these "Imaged cases" using the e-filing portal "Odyssey eFileCA." Exempt from the Imaging Program and e-filing were cases filed prior to August 24, 2015.

Effective June 1, 2022, this exemption will no longer exist. Cases that were filed prior to August 24, 2015, will be partially imaged as follows: Documents filed prior to June 1, 2022, will remail in paper format. However, documents filed after June 1, 2022, will be imaged. These cases will be designated as "Partial-Imaged cases." Electronic filing (e-filing) will be allowed in Partial-Imaged case, subject to the court's Electronic Filing Requirements (Family) (SDSC Form #D-305).

Pursuant to Government Code section 68150 and California Rules of Court, rule 2.504, for Partial-Imaged cases the paper portion of the file containing documents filed before June 1, 2022, and the electronic portion of the file in Odyssey containing documents imaged after June 1, 2022, are together certified as the official record of the court.

ALL pleadings and documents filed after June 1, 2022, in Partial-Imaged cases, including all original documents attached to pleadings filed with the court, will be imaged and destroyed after 30 days. Thus, you should not attach any original documents to pleadings filed with the San Diego Superior Court in such cases. Any original documents necessary for a motion hearing or trial shall be lodged in advance of the hearing or trial pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 3.1302(b).

For further information, please refer to the General Order of the Presiding Department No. 010122-23(A), the Electronic Filing Requirements (Family) (SDSC Form #D-305), and the San Diego Local Rules, all of which are available on the court's website at www.sdcourt.ca.gov.

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