THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, LOCAL RULES, RULE 5.2.5; SUSPENSION OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, LOCAL RULES, RULE 2.5.8 FOR SMALL CLAIM CASES ONLY	**GENERAL ORDER OF THE PRESIDING DEPARTMENT** **ORDER NO. 052620-56**

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of the California declared a state of emergency in this state. The President of the United States has also declared a national emergency. In response to the pandemic, the court has been closed to the public and has suspended its services, except for certain time-sensitive and essential functions. (See General Orders of the Presiding Department, Ord. Nos. 031820-34, 040320-39, 043020-47.) Pursuant to the authority set forth in General Order 043020-47, Emergency Rules of Court, rule 3, the court's inherent supervisory and administrative authority, and the Presiding Judge's duty to take into account the needs of the public and court as they relate the efficient and effective management of the court (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.603), the court **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS**:

1. The Superior Court of San Diego County, Local Rules, rule 5.2.5 is suspended until further notice. All parties are directed to review the court's website on the court's COVID-19 page (www.sdcourt.ca.gov) for the process by which remote appearances will be conducted for all family law cases.
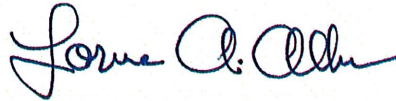
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2. The Superior Court of San Diego County, Local Rules, rule 2.5.8 is suspended as to small claims cases only, until further notice. All parties are directed to review the court's website on the court's COVID-19 page (www.sdcourt.ca.gov) for the process by which remote appearances will be conducted for all small claims matters.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: May 26, 2020

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HON. LORNA A. ALKSNE
PRESIDING JUDGE