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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
CENTRAL DIVISION

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, LOCAL RULES, RULES 2.5.8, 4.4.5, AND 5.2.5) GENERAL ORDER OF THE PRESIDING DEPARTMENT
) ORDER NO. 010121-41
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As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor of California declared a state of emergency in this state. The President of the United States has also declared a national emergency. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause significant health and safety concerns nationally, throughout the State of California, and in San Diego County.

In response to the pandemic, the court was closed to the public and suspended services, except for certain time-sensitive and essential functions, from March 17 to May 22, 2020. (See General Orders of the Presiding Department, Ord. Nos. 031820-34, 040320-39, and 043020-47.) The court resumed most services on May 26, 2020; however, with community spread of COVID-19 still a concern, many services have been and will continue to be provided remotely.

For good cause and pursuant to California Rules of Court, Appendix I: Emergency Rules Related to COVID-19, rule 3; the court’s inherent supervisory and administrative authority; and the Presiding Judge’s duty to promote access to justice for all members of the public, taking into

1 account the needs of the public and court as they relate to the efficient and effective management of
2 the court (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 10.603), and in order to protect the health and safety of the
3 public, court personnel, judicial officers, parties, attorneys, witnesses, and law enforcement officers,
4 this court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

5 1. The Superior Court of San Diego County, Local Rules, rule 2.5.8, is suspended as to
6 all civil cases until further notice. All parties are directed to review the COVID-19 page on the
7 court's website (www.sdcourt.ca.gov/coronavirus) for the process by which remote appearances
8 will be conducted for all civil cases.

9 2. The Superior Court of San Diego County, Local Rules, rule 4.4.5, is suspended as to
10 all probate cases until further notice. All parties are directed to review the COVID-19 page on the
11 court's website (www.sdcourt.ca.gov/coronavirus) for the process by which remote appearances
12 will be conducted for all probate cases.

13 3. The Superior Court of San Diego County, Local Rules, rule 5.2.5, is suspended as to
14 all family cases until further notice. All parties are directed to review the COVID-19 page on the
15 court's website (www.sdcourt.ca.gov/coronavirus) for the process by which remote appearances
16 will be conducted for all family cases.

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

19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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21 DATED: December 31, 2020



22 **HONORABLE LORNA A. ALKSNE**
23 **PRESIDING JUDGE**
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