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San Diego Superior Court Adds Two New Courtrooms to Imaging Project

Starting Monday, July 2, 2012, the Central Division of the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, will expand its Imaging Project to include all newly-initiated civil cases currently associated with Department 5 and Department 8 located in the downtown courthouse (220 West Broadway, San Diego). Those scanned cases will involve Limited Unlawful Detainer matters, Limited Account Stated (collection matters), Temporary Restraining Orders, Petitions for Name Changes and Miscellaneous Writs and Petitions. This expansion is the last component of the Central Civil Division Imaging Project.

Departments 5 and 8 will now join the Court's Central, East and South County Civil Divisions, which are now utilizing imaged documents and making them readily available to the public. This will expand on-line access to court documents related to cases in these departments. Document viewing in the courthouse is free of charge. For a fee, available documents can be viewed and printed off-site.

Civil Supervising Judge Jeffrey B. Barton, who has overseen the court-wide project, says: "With the expansion of this project to Departments 5 and 8, the court continues to expand online access to public court files for the convenience of the parties and attorneys. At the conclusion of the project, the public will have full internet access to public court files for both file review and

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the electronic filing of documents. One of the goals of the imaging project is to try to help the public get easier access to files on-line, as budget reductions will result in longer lines at court facilities.”

Documents from the imaged cases will be retained in paper form for 90 days. All existing cases filed prior to the imaging start date will be maintained in hard copy.

The imaging project began in the Court’s downtown courthouse in August of 2011.

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