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Deadline to Schedule Status Conferences for Independent Calendar Civil Matters is June 24

Status conferences are required for all vacated Independent Calendar civil motions in order to be re-scheduled for a later date

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the San Diego Superior Court's closure from March 17-May 22, all hearings on civil motions set in an Independent Calendar Department have been vacated through the end of the year and may need to be re-scheduled by the moving parties.

The process to re-schedule a civil motion in an Independent Calendar Department is to first meet and confer between the moving and opposing parties. If it remains necessary to go forward with the motion, the moving party must schedule a Status Conference with the Court through the <u>Online Civil Status Conference Scheduling Assistant</u> on the Court's website **no later than Wednesday**, **June 24**.

Status Conferences began on June 1, 2020 and will only be held for six weeks to request to reset a civil law and motion matter. **Motions will not be re-scheduled unless a**Status Conference is held within the six-week period from June 1, 2020 –

July 10, 2020.

A total of 2,966 scheduled motions were vacated through the end of the year. However, since the Online Civil Status Conference Scheduling Assistant was launched in mid-May, only 572 status conferences have been scheduled.

Independent Calendar Departments include Hall of Justice Departments 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, and 75; and North County Regional Center Departments N-27, N-28, N-29, and N-31.

Additional FAQs on Civil matters affected by the COVID-19 closure can be found here.

For information on the Court's operations during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit sdcourt.ca.gov/coronavirus.