

Honorable Kenneth J. Medel, Presiding

Phone Numbers:

Courtroom Clerk: [\(619\) 450-7066](tel:6194507066)

Calendar Clerk: [\(619\) 450-7304](tel:6194507304) (Phone hours: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

This is a civil independent calendar (IC) department.

Scheduling of motions and ex parte hearings is accomplished by calling the calendar clerk at 619-450-7304

CALENDARS, CONFERENCES AND HEARINGS

1. **Ex Parte** - Ex Parte appearances are scheduled on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.**, by reservation only. Papers are due by noon the day prior to the hearing, with the appropriate fee. To reserve an ex parte hearing, **contact the calendar clerk at the number provided above. The court requires courtesy copies of all E-filed documents on all ex parte papers delivered to Department 66 drop box in the Hall of Justice by 10:00 a.m.**
2. **Telephonic Appearances** - Prior approval from the court to appear telephonically is **NOT** required. No telephonic appearances are allowed at the Trial Readiness Conference and Trial Call and Judgment Debtor Examinations.
3. **Remote Appearances** - California Rules of Court and any emergency orders in effect shall govern remote appearances. Please check the San Diego Superior Court website for remote appearance information via Microsoft Teams for Department 66.
4. **Guardian Ad Litem / Publication of Summons** - Petitions for appointment of Guardian Ad Litem and applications for orders for publication of summons may be made ex parte without the necessity of an appearance. The moving papers shall be submitted for review by the court and the court may set a hearing if such hearing is deemed necessary. Guardian Ad Litem applications will not be granted ex parte unless the moving party submits a declaration showing: a) the minor is not the subject of a juvenile dependency; b) the minor is not the subject of a probate guardianship, and c) if the parents are not living together, attaching a copy of the current child custody order.
5. **Minors Compromises** - The Court is required to schedule a hearing on a petition to compromise a minor's disputed claim within 30 days from the date of filing under new Probate Code 3505. Minors Compromise hearings are heard on Friday's at 1:30 p.m. **Reservations are made by telephoning the calendar clerk at 619-450-7304.**
6. **Application for Good Faith Settlement** - The court encourages the parties to use the application procedure for a good faith settlement pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure 877.6(a)(2). The application for good faith settlement pursuant to the Code of Civil Procedure 877.6(a)(2) and proposed order shall be concurrently filed, after which it will be held the requisite statutory period (20 days plus 5 for mailing). If not motion to contest is filed, the order will be signed and processed after the statutory period has run. Thereafter, the clerk will return conformed copies of the application and signed order.
7. **Law and Motion** - Noticed motion hearings are by reservation only. To reserve a date, contact the calendar clerk at the number provided above. Motions are set on **Fridays at 9:30 a.m.** Tentative rulings are normally available after 4:00 p.m. one day prior to the hearing. If a motion goes off calendar prior to the hearing, counsel must call the department to take any motion off calendar. Be advised that paper notices filed with the court **may not** alert the department that motions are off calendar.
8. **Informal Discovery Conference** - The court makes itself available to the parties during ex parte hours to discuss discovery disputes prior to the filing of motions to compel. **Voluntary** informal discovery conferences "IDC's" are encouraged in order to reach a resolution of discovery problems as an alternative to formal motions, which remain available at any time). **Reservations are made by telephoning the calendar clerk at 619-450-7304.**

9. **Stipulated Protective Orders re: Confidential Information** – Proposed stipulated protective orders for protection of confidential information will only be approved by the court if the language in the proposed order is consistent with California Rules of Court, Rule Nos. 2.550 and 2.551. Motions to seal any filed document must comply with California Rules of Court, Rule Nos. 2.550 and 2.551. Exhibits a party wishes to be confidential can be submitted as “lodged documents” and referenced in a corresponding Notice of Lodgment. While the notice of lodgment is filed in the Register of Actions (ROA), all lodged documents returned to the submitting party upon the court’s determination of the motion or application (CRC Rule No. 3.1302(b).)
10. **The following courtesy copies should be placed in the Department 66 drop box:**
- Ex parte applications for hearings set within 3-5 days (10:00 a.m. the day prior)
 - Motion in Limine for trial set within 3-5 days of trial dates
 - Trial briefs
 - Motion, oppositions and replies to formally noticed motions (**UPON REQUEST**)
 - Joint Trial Readiness Conference reports
 - All other civil documents must be electronically filed through a court approved Electronic Filing Service Provider
11. **Case Management Conference** – Case Management Conferences are heard on Fridays at 08:30 a.m., unless otherwise designated by the Court.
12. **Trial Readiness Conference** – Trial Readiness Conferences are heard on Fridays at 09:00 a.m. unless otherwise designated by the Court. A Joint Trial Readiness Report is to be filed at the time of the hearing. Trial counsel are to be personally present.
13. **Trial Calls** – Trial calls are set on Fridays at 09:00 a.m. unless otherwise designated by the court.
14. **Trial Continuances** – The parties may enter a written stipulation and order to continue the trial date (and all related dates) provided it is filed more than two weeks before the trial readiness conference.
15. **Settlement Conference** – To schedule a settlement conference, please contact the **Courtroom Clerk at 619-450-7066**
16. **Administrative Record** - Administrative records are to be **lodged** and **not filed** with the department.

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