Road Rules for Successful e-Filing & e-Service





San Francisco Superior Court

San Francisco Superior Court PTR & PES Cases



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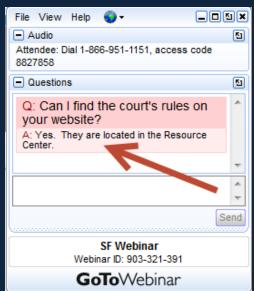
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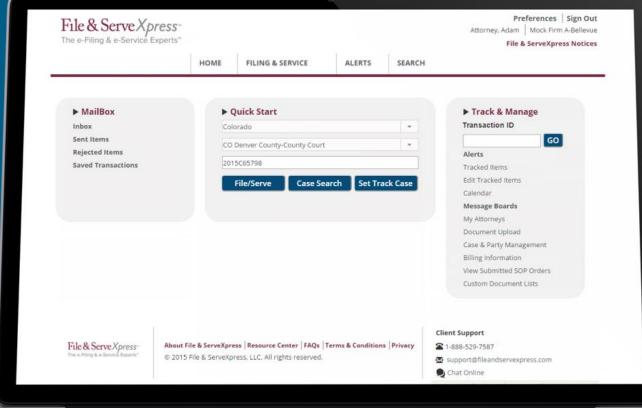
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HOW TO COMPLETE AN E-FILING TRANSACTION

Case Types

Asbestos – mandatory
Complex Litigation – mandatory
Probate (PTR, PES) – mandatory
General Civil – mandatory*





BENEFITS OF E-FILING & E-SERVICE

Time & Cost Efficiencies
Improved Case Management
Technical Advantages

TIME EFFICIENCIES

- More time to prepare your documents. e-Filings can be submitted from your computer until the 4:00 pm PT deadline.
- You can even schedule a filing for the future with the click of a mouse.
- Receive immediate proof of delivery. Eliminate uncertainty and lag time when you e-file and e-serve.
- No more printing, collating, stuffing and addressing envelopes for service by mail. Preparing cover sheets and waiting for confirmations for service by fax are a thing of the past when you e-Serve.

REDUCE YOUR TIME TO FILE & SERVE





COST SAVINGS

- Eliminate postage and/or courier costs and the need to arrange for a messenger. Courier services in San Francisco can range from \$25 to \$200 to get just a few documents delivered to the court and filed!
- e-File unlimited pages and e-Serve unlimited parties per transaction all for one low cost. \$5.00 e-File/\$6.50 e-Serve



IMPROVED CASE MANAGEMENT

- Pull up your cases and find documents in a few seconds, anytime, anywhere in the online case repository – no more searching through paper files or looking for misplaced documents.
- Receive a courtesy e-mail when you or your attorney is e-Served with new documents.
- Service lists can be updated anytime using Case & Party Management.
- Set up Alerts to stay on top of specific types of case activity, such as when a judge issues an order.
- Download discovery requests and convert to Word to save time in preparing your discovery responses.

YOUR DOCUMENTS NEVER EXPIRE AND ARE ALWAYS INTACT AND AVAILABLE ONLINE



TECHNICAL ADVANTAGES

- No limit on the number of pages or size of documents that can be uploaded.
- No more lost documents in the mail or fax machine malfunctions. e-Filing and e-Service provides online proof that your documents were delivered.
- Documents are sent timely and securely. Each electronic transaction is assigned a unique trace number.
- Saves paper and reduces carbon footprint.



EACH ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION IS ASSIGNED A UNIQUE TRACE NUMBER



Basic Filing Requirements

- Check <u>Basic Filing Requirements</u>:
 - 1. Correct Case name;
 - 2. Correct Case Number; and
 - 3. Completed forms, signatures, and dates.

Note:

Dates must accompany signatures.

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Capacity

 Include the Capacity at the top of the document after, e.g., "Attorney for John Jones, Executor."

See, San Francisco Superior Court Local Rule (SFLR) 14.17

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Format / First Page (Caption)

 The entire format of the first page must comply with California Rules of Court (CRC) 2.111.

See, CRC 2.100, et seq.



In the Matter of the Estate of:

Declaration of

San Francisco Superior Court Case Number: PTR-03

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Case No.: PTR-03-

DECLARATION OF

Deceased.	RE: FEES FOR SERVICES AS INTERIM TRUSTEE Date: Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept.: Probate, 204		
I,	, pursuant to Order Approving Petition for Appointment o		
Successor Trustee filed with this Court on December 4, 2012, was the successor trustee of the			
bove referenced trust. Declarant has agreed with the present Successor Trustee,			
or him to pay myself a flat fee of \$700.00 for fees for my services rendered as interim trustee.			
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the			
oregoing is true and correct.			
Dated this 30th day of September, 2013 at San Francisco, California.			

The Court name should start at least 3 1/3 inches from the top of the page (usually line 8), per **CRC Rule 2.111.**

1514 Taraval Street San Francisco, CA 94116 Phone: (415) 753-8080 Facsimile: (415) 753-8090 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO 10 11 In the Matter of the Estate of: Case No.: PTR-03-13 DECLARATION OF RE: FEES FOR SERVICES 14 AS INTERIM TRUSTEE 15 Date: Deceased. Time: 9:00 a.m. 16 Dept.: Probate, 204 17 pursuant to Order Approving Petition for Appointment of 18 Successor Trustee filed with this Court on December 4, 2012, was the successor trustee of the 20 above referenced trust. Declarant has agreed with the present Successor Trustee, 21 for him to pay myself a flat fee of \$700.00 for fees for my services rendered as interim trustee. 22 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the 23 foregoing is true and correct. 24 Dated this 30th day of September, 2013 at San Francisco, California 25 26 27 28

Declaration of

San Francisco Superior Court Case Number.

The attorney & party information shouldn't extend beyond the center of the page, per CRC Rule 2.111.

Department Number

- Be sure to put the correct Department
 Number on your pleading papers.
- The Probate calendars are heard in Dept. 204.
- Probate Ex-Parte appearances are heard in Dept. 202.



Multiple Duplicate Documents

 Documents that are filed in multiples, such as receipts, consents, waivers or nominations should be submitted together in one submission with one caption page identifying the documents, i.e., "Receipts on Distribution (15), rather than submitting 15 separate receipts.

Exception: Multiple fee payments are filed same transaction, uploaded separately (e.g., previously exempt or waived fees.



Notice of Hearing

- The Notice of Hearing is submitted <u>after</u> the Proof of Service is completed.
- You don't have to file a blank copy of the Notice of Hearing.
- Only e-file the Notice of Hearing once the petition is served and the form is filled out.

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Signature Formats*

- Remember to sign your documents!
- Handwritten signatures must be used on documents signed under penalty of perjury.
- Otherwise, typographic signatures are permitted.

*See, SFLR 2.10(N)



TYPOGRAPHICAL SIGNATURE (EXAMPLE)

This is the proper format for a typographical signature

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8	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
9	COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO	
10	KAISER ALUMINUM & CHEMICAL)	Case No.: CGC-00-312415
11	Plaintiff,	
12	vs.	ANSWER TO FIRST AMENDED
13	LONDON MARKET INSURERS)	COMPLAINT
15		
16	Defendant.)	
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18		
19	Dated February 28, 2014	Mock Firm A-Bellevue
20		By: /s/ Adam Attorney
21		
22		Adam Attorney

TYPOGRAPHICAL SIGNATURE (EXAMPLE)

This is the proper format for a handwritten signature

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on February 28, 2014, in San Francisco, California.

California.

Adam Attorney

PROOF OF SERVICE

Exhibits

- Four Options:
 - 1. Upload exhibits attached to the document to which they pertain.

 Example: Upload a declaration with exhibits all as one document
 - 2. Upload exhibits as individual documents.

 Example: Upload exhibits A, B and C as 3 separate documents
 - 3. Upload a group of small exhibits as one document. *Example: Upload exhibits A-C as one document*
 - 4. Upload a large exhibit as several documents.

 Example: Break down exhibit A into 3 parts and upload them as 3 separate documents
- Must add a caption page for all options



OPTION 1 - EXAMPLE:

Caption page for a document with the <u>exhibits</u> <u>attached at the end</u>

Attorney General of California Supervising Deputy Attorney General Deputy Attorney General 1515 Clay Street, 20th Floor P.O. Box 70550 Oakland, CA 94612-0550 Telephone: (510) 622-2183 Fax: (510) 622-2270 E-mail: Attorneys tor SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO 10 11 Lead Case No. an individual, (Consolidated with 12 Plaintiff. 13 14 EXHIBIT A TO DECLARATION OF 15 IN SUPPORT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL'S Defendants. 16 OBJECTION TO MOTION TO APPROVE 17 AND FOR ENTRY OF CONSENT JUDGMENT AS TO 18 19 January 24, 2014 Date: Time: 10:30 a.m. 20 305 Dept: Hon. John E. Munter 21 22 CONSOLIDATED CASES Health & Saf. Code, § 25249.7(f)(5) 23 24 25 26 28 Exhibit A to Declaration of Harrison M. Pollak (CGC-08-479027 et al.)

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OPTION 2 - EXAMPLE:

Caption page for <u>an exhibit</u> <u>uploaded as a separate</u> <u>document</u>

3102 Oak Lawn Ave., Suite 1100 Dallas, TX 72519 Telephone: 214/521-3605; 800/222-2766 Facsimile: 214/520-1181 Attorneys for Plaintiff SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO - UNLIMITED JURISDICTION 10 11 Individually and as) Case No: Successor-In-Interest to 12 EXHIBITS A-C TO DECLARATION OF PINO. Deceased. IN SUPPORT OF 13 PLAINTIFFS' OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR 14 Plaintiffs. SUMMARY JUDGMENT OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, SUMMARY 15 ADJUDICATION 16 et al. 17 Defendants 18 19 20 21 22 Date: January 16, 2014 Time: 9:30 a.m. PST 23 Dept.: 503 Honorable Teri L. Jackson 24 Complaint Filed: May 10, 2012 25 Trial Date: February 18, 2014 26 27 28 EXHIBITS A-C

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OPTION 3 - EXAMPLE:

Caption page for <u>a group</u> of exhibits uploaded as one document

601 California Street, 21st Floor San Francisco, California 94108 Telephone: (415) 658-2929 Facsimile: (415) 658-2930 Attorneys for Defendant

SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Plaintiff,

Defendants as Reflected on Exhibit 1 attached to the Summary Complaint herein; and DOES 1-

Defendants.

EXHIBIT F (PART 1) TO THE DECLARATION OF IN SUPPORT OF

formerly known as

MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT, OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, SUMMARY ADJUDICATION OF ISSUES

Hearing Date: March 20, 2014 Time: 9:30 a.m.

Dept.: Judge: 503

Hon. Teri L. Jackson

Action Filed: January 31, 2012 April 21, 2014 Trial Date:

File & Serve Xpress

OPTION 4 - EXAMPLE:

Caption page for <u>a large</u> exhibit broken down into several documents (this is part 1 of 3)

This is <u>not</u> an acceptable caption page (first page) for a document containing exhibits.

A properly formatted caption page (with case name, case number, etc.) must be used as the first page or your document will be <u>REJECTED</u>.

EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT B

SLIP SHEET – EXAMPLE

This is an an acceptable slip sheet to separate exhibits contained in the same document.

Do not use blank pages as slip sheets or your document will be REJECTED.

Exhibits

- Best to choose the option that:
 - 。Results in a maximum size of <u>5 MB</u>
 - Usually 50-100 pages if using recommended scanner settings of 300 dpi,
 Black & White (not color or grayscale), 8 ½ x 11 (100%)
- Must use slip sheets (not blank pages) to separate exhibits
- Refer to Special Instructions for:
 - Detailed explanation of information presented here
 - Different requirements for exhibits that are part of a proposed orders,
 stipulations & orders, judgments & verdicts

Bank Statements / Bonds

 When filing a bond or bank statements, a "Declaration of Retention of Original Document" must be filed in the same transaction. See, SFLR 14.100.*

*The rule number changes to 14.89 on 1/1/16.



Fee Waiver Applications (mandatory paper only) (10)

Letters Of...(mandatory paper only)

The following documents

must be filed in Paper:

- **Inventory AND Appraisals (mandatory** paper only)
- **Original Wills/Condicils (mandatory paper** only)



The following documents must be filed in Paper:

- Bond (optional paper or e-filed)*
 *If e-filed, a declaration of retention of original must accompany the bond filing in the same transaction.
- All "Issued (by the court) Documents" (mandatory paper only)
- All Confidential Documents (mandatory paper only)
- Will Contests (mandatory paper only)



Stipulations, Proposed Orders

- A Stipulation and a Proposed Order must be filed as two separate documents.
- Select the document type "Stipulation (w/ separate proposed order)."
- Proposed Orders should be submitted in an editable format – Word is preferred by the Court. Remember to upload separately with a caption page. No run-on documents!
- A lodged Proposed Order will not appear on the Court's Register of Actions.
- A hard copy of the original Proposed Order must be delivered to Room 202.

Ex-Parte Applications

- A Hearing is not required
- The <u>filed-stamped courtesy</u> <u>copy</u> must be delivered to <u>Room 202</u> with the original Proposed Order.



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Run-On Documents

- Run-on documents are not permitted.
- EXAMPLE If you have:
 - ex parte application
 - memorandum of points & authorities
 - declaration

These documents can be e-filed in one transaction, but should be uploaded as 3 separate documents, each with the appropriate caption page as a cover sheet.

Filed and served at 3/13/2013 11:43 AM PDT

Case number: 478453 [View Case History]

Case name: Beacon Residential Community Association vs Catellus Third & King LLC et al

Court: CA Superior Court County of San Francisco

Judge: Karnow, Curtis

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■ Document List (2) Total Statutory Fees: \$0.00

Main Document, 6 pages ID: 65689460 Document History | PDF Format | Original Format

Document type: Application Clerk review status/action: Rejected

Security: Public Date reviewed: 3/14/2013

Statutory fee: \$0.00

PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF AND EX-PARTE APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR HEARING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A SEPARATE TRIAL OF CLAIMS

Document title: AGAINST DEFENDANTS SKIDMORE-OWINGS-MERRILL & HKS ARCHITECTS, INC., TO RESET TRIAL DATE FOR JUNE 3, 2013, WITH MARCH 29, 2013 CASE MANAGEMENT

CONFERENCE: MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF: DECLARATION OF MINI RANKIN, ESC. IN SUPPORT OF [CCP 55 1005 (b)]

EX-PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER SHORTENING TIME:

Plaintiff Beacon Residential Community Association hereby applies for an Order, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure § 1005 (b), Shortening Time to hear Plaintiff's Motion for Separate Trial of Claims Against Defendants Skidmore-Owings-Merrill and HKS Architects, Inc. and to Reset Case for Trial ("Motion") so that it can be heard contemporaneously with the March 29, 2013 Case Management and Trial Setting Conference. Plaintiff's case has been pending for nearly five years, and was set for trial on February 4, 2013 until the trial date was vacated through no fault of Plaintiff. Considerations of efficiency and judicial economy mandate that this motion be heard at the same time the court sets this case for trial.

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER SHORTENING
TIME

REJECTED EXAMPLE

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would be rejected
because it's 3
documents
combined into one
run-on document.

legal fees, consultants' fees and out of pocket costs in corulection with the litigation. Owners of the units have great difficulty refinancing and selling their property because of the lawsuit and the unrepaired conditions. Facts in support of these statements are contained in the Declaration o Anthony Lin in support of Plaintiff's Motion.

The court may grant a hearing on shortened time ptu-suant to California Code of Civil Procedure 1005(b) and California Rules of Court 3.1201.

DECLARATION OF

'IN SUPPORT OF

, declare:

1. I mn the principal of the Law Offices of and am one of the attorneys o record for Plaintiff BEACON RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION in the above-entitled action. I am duly licensed to practice before all of the courts

ACCEPTED EXAMPLE:

This transaction would be accepted because the 3 documents have been uploaded separately.

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Security:	Public	Date reviewed:	4/3/2013			
Statutory fee:	\$60.00					
Document title:	EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER SHORTENING TIME ON PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPLY AND FOR SANCTIONS					
Supporting 66258717, 3 pages ID: 66258718 Document History PDF Format Original Format						
Document type:	Memorandum of Points and Authorities	Clerk review status/action:	Accepted			
Security:	Public	Date reviewed:	4/3/2013			
Statutory fee:	\$0.00					
Document title:	MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR ORDER SHORTENING TIME ON PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPLY AND FOR SANCTIONS					
Supporting 66258717, 13 pages ID: 66258720 Document History PDF Format Original Format						
Document type:	Declaration	Clerk review status/action:	Accepted			
Security:	Public	Date reviewed:	4/3/2013			
Statutory fee:	\$0.00					
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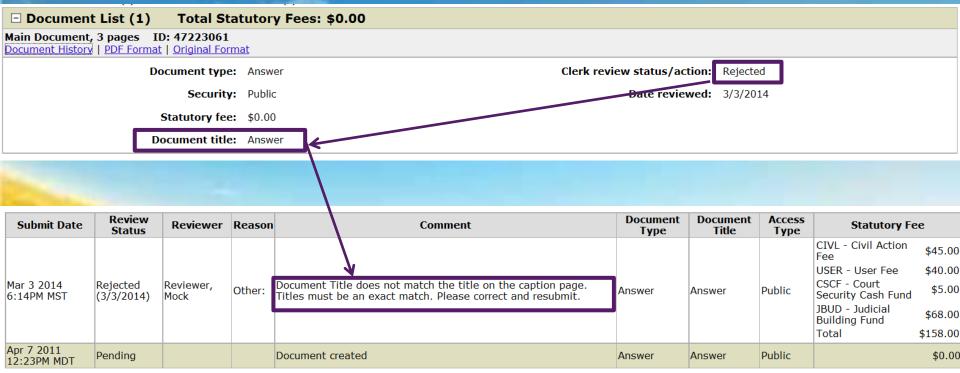
Document Titles

- The <u>title</u> that you type into File & ServeXpress <u>must be an exact</u> <u>match</u> to the title on the caption page for your document, (see, SFLR 2.10 (O)).
- Do not add "Corrected" or "Revised" to the document title of a previously rejected document → Title the document as if submitting for the first time.

1 2 3 4 5	Adam Attorney (SBN 999999) Mock Firm A 123 Main St, Ste 100 San Francisco, CA 92104 Telephone: (999) 999-9999 Facsimile: (999) 999-9999 Attorney for Defendant, Acme Corporation						
7 8 9	SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO						
11 12 13	KAISER ALUMINUM & CHEMICAL Plaintiff, vs. LONDON MARKET INSURERS) Case No.: CGC-00-312415) ANSWER TO FIRST AMENDED) COMPLAINT					
14 15 16	Defendant.)))					

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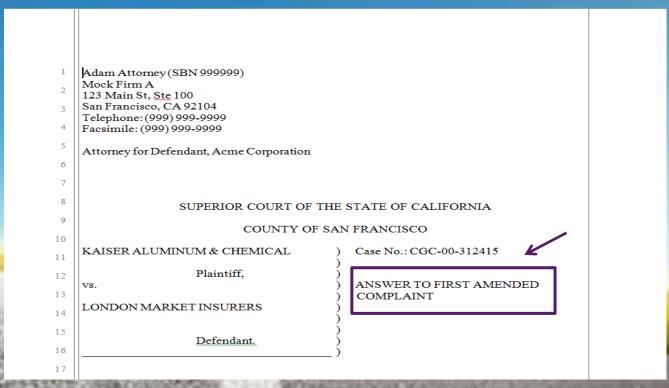
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Proofs of Service

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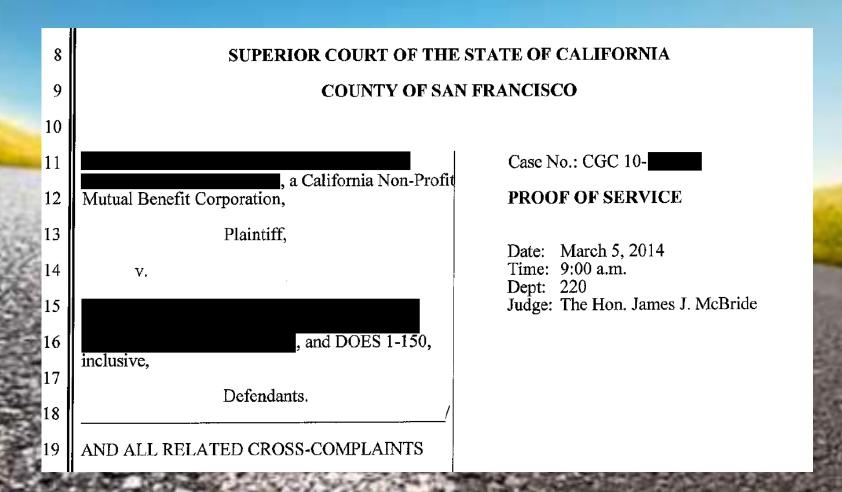
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<u>caption page</u> for a

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separate document



Requests for Special Settings for Hearings

If the Hearing has **NOT** been set yet –

- Hand deliver the petition and declaration of need for the special setting to the Assistant Probate Director at the Court (same procedure as before e-filing).
- If approved, she will write the hearing date and time on the petition and initial it.
- Scan the petition (with the handwritten hearing date/time) and e-file it.
- In the "Note To Clerk" field at the "Review & Submit" enter a note that the hearing date/time has been approved by the Assistant Probate Director.



Requests for Special Settings for Hearings

If the Hearing has **ALREADY** been set –

 Follow the procedure below to obtain a hearing date/time for an ex parte matter (i.e., ex parte petition to advance hearing date).



Law & Motion and Discovery Hearings

- Call the courtroom clerk in Dept 204 to obtain a hearing date/time (new procedure).
- Add the hearing date/time to the caption page of your moving papers, along with the words "Approved by (first name of courtroom clerk)" and e-file them.

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Law & Motion and Discovery Hearings

Hearings on Subsequent Ex Parte Matters & Petitions

- E-file your moving papers with the hearing date/time blank (new procedure).
- In the "Note To Clerk" field at the "Review & Submit" tab, enter any dates your attorney is not available for a hearing.
- If accepted for e-filing, the Court will apply a stamp with the hearing date/time on the caption page of your PDF.
- You will also receive an "accepted with edits" e-mail that contains the hearing date/time.



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Obtaining Hearing Dates/Times

Law & Motion and Discovery Hearings

- You must first obtain a hearing date/time from the Courtroom Clerk before filing a Probate motion.
- Motion dates need approval from the Courtroom Clerk.
- The name of the Courtroom Clerk who provided the date should be written on the document next to or under the hearing date on the pleading/motion.*

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Discovery

- Don't e-file discovery
 (interrogatories, requests
 for productions, deposition
 notices, etc.)
- Don't e-file correspondence between firms
- → Select the "E-Serve Only" option instead

Helpful Court Resources

Court's Website: www.sfsuperiorcourt.org

Civil Case Management Page: http://www.sfsuperiorcourt.org/divisions/civil/civil-case-management

Law & Motion / Discovery Page: http://www.sfsuperiorcourt.org/divisions/civil/law-motion

Complex Civil Litigation Page: http://www.sfsuperiorcourt.org/divisions/civil/litigation

Asbestos Page: http://www.sfsuperiorcourt.org/divisions/civil/asbestos

- e-Filing Local Rules 2.10 (civil) & 14.100 (probate): http://sfsuperiorcourt.org/general-info/local-rules
- General Order No. 158 (asbestos)

http://sfsuperiorcourt.org/sites/default/files/images/Case%20Management%20Oorder%20Feb%202014.pdf

e-Filing Special Instructions:

https://resourcecenter.fileandservexpress.com/resourcecenterwebui/rules.aspx?courtID=225

e-File Unit

General Civil, Asbestos and Complex Litigation Cases: (415) 551-3824

Probate Trust Cases: (415) 551-3892

Defaults: (415) 551-5921 or (415) 551-5969

- California Rules of Court for e-Filing & e-Service, Rules 2.250 2.261:
 - http://www.courts.ca.gov/cms/rules/index.cfm?title=two
- California Judicial Council Forms: http://www.courts.ca.gov/forms.htm







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