

Superior Court of California County of Orange

700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST SANTA ANA, CA 92701

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 20/11 GOOD CAUSE FOR JURY TRIALS

Pursuant to the authority granted under California Rules of Court, rule 10.603 and pursuant to the Chief Justice's March 23, 2020 order suspending all jury trials for a period of sixty (60) days unless courts were able to conduct trial at an earlier date, this Order establishes the procedures to determine whether good cause exists to conduct jury trials during the 60 day suspension. This procedure is adopted to ensure the orderly administration of justice, provide adequate personnel and resources, and to protect the health and safety of the parties, the public, court staff, judicial officers, witnesses, jurors, attorneys and other court users during the COVID-19 crisis.

The Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Orange shall be the only judicial officer authorized to determine the existence of good cause for jury trials held pursuant to the Chief Justice's Order. Good cause must be shown by written noticed motion supported by competent evidence filed at least 7 calendar days before the hearing. Oppositions must be filed at least 4 calendar days before the hearing. The motions must be filed at CivilUrgent@occourts.org The subject line of the email should state, "In re: Admin Order Good Cause for Jury Trial". The matter will be determined by the Presiding Judge by remote hearing. All other parties must be served with the operative pleadings. Service can be effectuated by electronic means.

This order shall remain effective for 60 days.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 2nd day of April 2020, at Santa Ana California.

Kirk H. Nakamura Presiding Judge