



# Superior Court of California County of Orange

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 00/3**

Over the past several years the South Justice Center has been faced with accommodating a complex caseload in an antiquated Facility built to serve a much smaller population.

With unification, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court assumed responsibility for assigning judicial resources to address the caseload throughout the entire County. In 1999 criminal and traffic cases within the venue of the City of Laguna Beach were transferred to the Harbor Justice Center as a first step in relieving the burden of the South Justice Center. Additional steps are now needed to adjust the workload presently assigned to the South Justice Center and to temporarily resolve issues arising out of deficiencies in the Laguna Niguel Facility, including those deficiencies which render the Court out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as the lack of adequate space.

THEREFORE, this order amends and supercedes Administrative Order No. 99/1 dated March 8, 1999 with respect to the South and Harbor Justice Centers only.

1. Effective January 1, 2001, the Harbor Justice Center and the South Justice Center will merge into one Justice Center, to be known as the Harbor Justice Center. The merger includes the integration of three separate facilities approximately 20 miles apart. The Harbor Justice Center will consist of the Newport Beach Facility, Laguna Niguel Facility and Laguna Hills Facility.
  - A. One Supervising Judge will oversee the administration of the Harbor Justice Center.

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- B. An Assistant Supervising Judge located at the Laguna Niguel Facility will provide support in managing the Laguna Niguel and Laguna Hills facilities by providing assistance with judicial staffing issues, calendars and administrative matters.
  - C. One Executive Director will manage the non-judicial administrative issues for the Harbor Justice Center.
2. Harbor Justice Center Coordination Issues
- A. All employees and bench officers at each Facility comprising the Harbor Justice Center will work the same 5/40 schedule in effect for all of the Superior Court Justice Centers. Individual calendars at each Harbor Justice Center facility will be adjusted to maximize the utilization of court resources under the new work schedule.
  - B. Deployment of Bench Officers to Harbor Justice Center Newport Beach, Laguna Niguel and Laguna Hills facilities:
    - 1. Four judges will be assigned to the Laguna Niguel Facility.
    - 2. Three commissioners will be assigned to the Laguna Hills Facility.
    - 3. No commissioner will be assigned to the Laguna Niguel Facility on a regular basis.
    - 4. Fourteen judicial officers will be assigned to the Newport Beach Facility.
  - C. Limited Jurisdiction Civil Cases
- Limited jurisdiction civil and small claims pleadings resulting from events occurring within the venue and historical jurisdiction of the South Justice Center will continue to be filed at the Harbor Justice Center, Laguna Hills Facility.

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D. Traffic Cases

Traffic violations occurring within the venue and historical jurisdiction of the South Justice Center will continue to cite appearances to and be filed at the Harbor Justice Center, Laguna Hills Facility. Effective January 1, 2001 all traffic citations originating in the City of Laguna Beach shall cite appearances to and be filed at the Harbor Justice Center, Laguna Hills Facility.

E. Criminal Cases

Misdemeanor and felony pleadings (excluding domestic violence-related violations) for violations occurring in the cities of Aliso Viejo, Laguna Beach, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest and the unincorporated area known as Newport Coast will be filed at the Harbor Justice Center, Newport Beach Facility. All other misdemeanor and felony pleadings for violations occurring within the venue and historical jurisdiction of the South Justice Center will be filed at the Harbor Justice Center, Laguna Niguel Facility.

F. Domestic Violence Cases

Effective January 1, 2001, all domestic violence cases arising out of incidents occurring in Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, Laguna Beach, Irvine and adjacent unincorporated areas will be filed directly at the Harbor Justice Center, Laguna Niguel Facility.

G. Jury Trial Issues

1. All jurors for the Harbor Justice Center will be summoned through the Newport Beach Facility and will report to that Facility. Some jurors will be summoned for "on call" status and may be directed to report directly to a courtroom at the Laguna Hills or Laguna Niguel Facility.
2. The number of jurors summoned for the Harbor Justice Center will be increased to support all three facilities.
3. Jury trials for civil cases filed at the Laguna Hills Facility will be held at that Facility.

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4. Jury trials for cases filed at the Laguna Niguel Facility (other than domestic violence cases) will be held at the Newport Beach Facility.
  - a. Cases calendared for jury trial at the Laguna Niguel Facility which are not resolved will be transferred to the Newport Beach Facility.
  - b. The Laguna Niguel Facility will set a jury trial readiness calendar on Monday. When all parties have appeared and the case has not been resolved, the attorneys and parties will be ordered to appear on the following day at the Newport Beach Facility, Department H1. The Laguna Niguel staff will notify Department H1 immediately upon the transfer of a case for jury trial.

H. Probation Violation Cases

All probation violation petitions filed on misdemeanor and domestic violence cases originating from the Laguna Niguel Facility shall be filed in the Laguna Niguel Facility. Probation violations on domestic violence cases originating at the Newport Beach Facility shall be filed at the Laguna Niguel Facility.

This Administrative Order is made pursuant to California Constitutional provisions and California Rules of Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2000, at Santa Ana, California.

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Presiding Judge

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## ORANGE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

### Case Venue, effective January 1, 2001

#### CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER

700 Civic Center Drive West, P. O. Box 1994, Santa Ana, CA 92702-1994 (714) 834-3734  
(General Jurisdiction Civil and Criminal filings / Limited Jurisdiction filings for Santa Ana, Orange, Tustin, Cowan Heights, El Modena, El Toro Marine Base, Lemon Heights, Modjeska Canyon, Silverado Canyon, Orange Park Acres & Villa Park; California Highway Patrol citations to appear that would fall within the jurisdiction of the North Justice Center as listed below)

#### CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER ANNEX (Courtrooms only)

909 North Main Street, P. O. Box 1994, Santa Ana, CA 92702-1994 (714) 834-3734  
(Departmental filings only)

#### HARBOR JUSTICE CENTER, NEWPORT BEACH FACILITY

4601 Jamboree Road, Newport Beach, CA 92660-2595 (949) 476-4699  
(Limited Jurisdiction filings for Balboa Island, Corona Del Mar, Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, Irvine, Santa Ana Heights, John Wayne Airport, Lido Isle & surrounding unincorporated areas; misdemeanor and felony violations occurring on or after April 5, 1999, in Laguna Beach (including South Laguna) and misdemeanor and felony violations occurring on or after January 1, 2001 in Aliso Viejo, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest and the unincorporated area known as Newport Coast.)

#### HARBOR JUSTICE CENTER - LAGUNA NIGUEL FACILITY

30143 Crown Valley Parkway, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677-2089 (949) 249-5000  
(Domestic Violence filings for Aliso Viejo, Capistrano Beach, Coto de Caza, Dana Point, Foothill Ranch, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, South Laguna, and Trabuco Canyon and effective January 1, 2001, domestic violence filings for Newport Beach, Costa Mesa, and Irvine.) Misdemeanor/felony filings for Capistrano Beach, Coto de Caza, Dana Point, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano and Trabuco Canyon.)

#### HARBOR JUSTICE CENTER - LAGUNA HILLS FACILITY

23141 Moulton Parkway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Laguna Hills, CA 92653-1206 (949) 472-6900  
(Limited Jurisdiction civil, small claims and traffic filings for Aliso Viejo, Capistrano Beach, Coto de Caza, Dana Point, Foothill Ranch, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, South Laguna and Trabuco Canyon.)

#### LAMOREAUX JUSTICE CENTER

341 The City Drive, P. O. Box 14169, Orange, CA 92863-0097 (714) 935-7000  
(General Jurisdiction Juvenile, Family Law & Probate filings)

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**NORTH JUSTICE CENTER**

1275 Berkeley Street, P. O. Box 5000, Fullerton, CA 92653-0097 (714) 773-4400  
(Limited Jurisdiction filings for Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, La Palma, Placentia, Yorba  
Linda and surrounding unincorporated areas)

**WEST JUSTICE CENTER**

8141 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Westminster, CA 92683-4593 (714) 896-7111  
(Limited Jurisdiction filings for Cypress, Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Huntington Beach, Los Alamitos,  
Rossmoor, Seal Beach, Stanton, Sunset Beach, Surfside and Westminster)

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