

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic:  
Information About Criminal and Juvenile Appellate Cases  
in the Fourth District Court of Appeal and Beyond  
— September 2020 —**

**[California Judicial Branch News Stream](#)**

**[California Rules of Court](#)**

[Appendix I](#), Emergency Rules 1-13 related to COVID-19: Criminal, Civil, and Juvenile Court.

**[Superior Courts](#)**

[Imperial County Superior Court](#): main courthouse open on limited basis; some hearings conducted [remotely](#). Most recent [Judicial Council order](#) 06/17/2020.

[Inyo County Superior Court](#): reduced operations [lifted](#) May 13, 2020. Most recent [Judicial Council order](#) issued on 08/17/2020 extending time for criminal trials.

[Orange County Superior Court](#): open with limited services; [on-line scheduling tool](#); [criminal and traffic matters](#) page. Most recent [Judicial Council order](#) issued on 08/13/2020, regarding dependency custody.

[Riverside County Superior Court](#): [limited public services](#) available; [temporary closures](#) from August 10, 2020 until further notice. [Master Plan To Restore Court Services](#). Criminal case [FAQs](#).

[San Bernardino County Superior Court](#): currently gradually [re-opening with modified services](#) and reduced hours. Most recent [Judicial Council order](#) issued on 08/13/2020. [General Order of Presiding Judge](#) issued on 08/18/2020.

[San Diego County Superior Court](#): open for most business operations and [services](#), though in-person services are limited; hearings limited to video or teleconference only.

**[Fourth District Court of Appeal](#)**

The clerk's offices in all three divisions remain open with limited services.

[Emergency Order](#), filed March 20, 2020, grants an automatic 30-day extension for any act permitted or required by the California Rules of Court, when the deadline occurs between March 19, 2020, through and including April 18, 2020. This order

was amended by a [clarifying order filed April 9, 2020](#). On April 15, 2020, the Presiding Justice issued another [implementation order](#) renewing the extension for all deadlines occurring between April 19, 2020 to and including May 18, 2020.

[Misc. Order 032020-B](#) suspends in-person oral arguments.

[Misc. Order 041420](#) continues suspension of in-person oral argument presentation. Remote argument in Division One occurs on the WebEx platform. Remote argument in Divisions Two and Three occur on the BlueJeans platform.

With respect to oral argument, the court reminds counsel of [Remote Appearance Etiquette](#) and encourages use of appropriate background, either real or virtual, and professional attire.

### [California Supreme Court](#)

The clerk's office is open.

[Oral argument](#), in which counsel will appear remotely, will occur in San Francisco. There is a [standing order](#) about social distancing for observers in the courtroom. Remote argument occurs on the BlueJeans platform.

[TrueFiling](#) is expanded to briefs on the merits in review-granted cases and related filings. *Paper copies should not be submitted.*

[Emergency Order](#), filed March 20, 2020, grants an automatic 30-day extension for any act required in the Supreme Court by the California Rules of Court, when the deadline occurs between March 20, 2020, through and including April 20, 2020. This order was amended by a [clarifying order filed April 10, 2020](#).

## Federal courts for Fourth District cases

United States District Court, [Southern District of California](#)

United States District Court, [Central District of California](#)

United States District Court, [Eastern District of California](#)

United States Court of Appeals for the [Ninth Circuit](#)

## [United States Supreme Court](#)

Building is closed to the public, but it is open for business.

[Order filed March 19, 2020](#), inter alia, extends the deadline by which to file a petition for writ of certiorari to 150 days from the date of the lower court judgment, order denying discretionary review, or order denying a timely petition for rehearing. See Rules 13.1 and 13.3. The order remains in effect until further order of the court.

COVID-19 [Announcements](#).

## **COVID-19 and CDCR**

[COVID-19 Preparedness](#) page, helpful links on upper left side.

Governor's executive order [N-36-20](#), issued March 24, 2020. This order, inter alia, suspends intake into CDCR and DJJ facilities for 30 days. It directs the Board of Parole Hearings to suspend in-person parole hearings and to develop videoconferencing for these hearings.

[Intake](#) from four counties, only to two Reception Centers – at North Kern State Prison and Wasco State Prison, began on a limited manner the week of May 26, 2020. Intake was then halted shortly thereafter. [New, limited re-opening](#) began the week of August 24, 2020.

CDCR and DJJ have [canceled normal visiting](#) until further notice. It has hosted [free calling days](#). In July, those days were July 9 and July 23. In August, those days were August 12 and August 26.

CDCR Secretary Ralph Diaz and federal Receiver J. Clark Kelso recorded [a Vimeo video](#) discussing releases, positive programming credits, and an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Secretary Ralph Diaz [will retire](#) October 1, 2020. Kathleen Allison has been named Secretary effective October 1, 2020. This position requires Senate confirmation.

### **Other California Appellate Projects**

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**California Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response**