

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

**THIRD GENERAL ORDER RE:  
IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO  
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68115 BY CHAIR OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

Exercising the authority granted under Government Code section 68115 and the April 2, 2020 Order (“Order”) of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the Judicial Council of California, issued in response to the April 1, 2020 request for an emergency order made by the Superior Court of San Joaquin County (“Court”), this Court HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to the health and safety concerns resulting in substantial operational impediments and the proclamations of the state of emergency by federal, state and local governments, it has been determined that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115(a) were met with regard to the Superior Court of San Joaquin. Pursuant to my constitutional and other legal authority, I find good cause to:

1. Extend the service of the 2019-2020 grand jury’s term to such time that a successor grand jury is impaneled and sworn.
2. Adopt the [Emergency Rules of Court, rules 1 through 11 as enacted by the Judicial Council](#) on April 6, 2020.

It is also Ordered that each Judicial Officer of the Superior Court of San Joaquin County is hereby deputized to effectuate all of the above provisions.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: April 8, 2020



Xapuri B. Villapudua  
Xapuri B. Villapudua, Presiding Judge