

COVID – 19 EMERGENCY AMENDMENT TO SAN JOAQUIN SUPERIOR COURT LOCAL RULES – EFFECTIVE 05/28/20

Civil Rule Change

3-101. DIRECT CALENDARING OF CIVIL CASES

THESE RULES APPLY TO ALL CIVIL CASES (LIMITED AND UNLIMITED, EXCLUDING PROBATE) UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

- A. All cases described as personal injury, eminent domain, collection or other actions denominated as civil in nature shall be subject to assignment to a judicial officer for all purposes at the time of filing of the action. This section shall not apply to abandonment, adoption, mental health, petitions for approval of minors' compromises and family law cases. Nothing herein shall be construed to interfere with the Presiding Judge's authority to assign or reassign cases. This section also applies to writs.

- B. Cases which are subject to direct calendaring shall be assigned to a judicial officer for all purposes, who shall thereafter handle all proceedings involving the matter, including trial, except as otherwise provided or required by law. At the time of the initial filing of any case, the Clerk's office shall, generate a Notice of Case Assignment and Notice of Hearing identifying the judicial officer who is assigned for all purposes including trial. A copy of this notice must be included with the service of the Complaint, Summons and ADR information upon all named defendants.

Time limits for peremptory challenges of judges, commissioners and referees are governed by CCP Section 170.6. (Eff. 05/28/20)