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'5x4' PILOT PROGRAM SEEKS ALTERNATIVE TO LASC COURTROOM CLOSURES

A pilot project is underway by the Los Angeles Superior Court to determine whether there is an alternative method of operating the civil courtrooms at Stanley Mosk Courthouse with fewer staff personnel that would avoid the closure of courtrooms or conversion of the civil operations of the courthouse into a master calendar system.

The essence of the 5 x 4 (Five by Four) Pod Pilot Program is to operate five courtrooms (the Pod) with four courtroom staffs instead of five, thus achieving a net savings of one staff, composed of three employees per pod (a judicial assistant, courtroom assistant, and court reporter). This savings would be equivalent to the savings of closing a courtroom.

Each of the five Pod civil courtrooms operate with a staff four days a week, conventionally handling trials, law and motion calendars and *ex partes*. One day a week, however, each courtroom will function without a staff. On the staff-free day of the week (staggered among the Pod's courtrooms), each judge will independently conduct settlement conferences or work on matters in chambers, but will not conduct trials, hear motions, or handle *ex parte* applications. As a consequence, trials and motion hearing dates may be delayed. We ask for your patience and understanding.

Departments **26, 32, 33, 48 and 78** at the Mosk Courthouse will participate in the pilot program. The staff-free days with no trials or law-and-motion proceedings for **Departments 26, 32, 33, 48, 78** during the next 20 weeks are as follows:

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Department 26, Judge James R. Dunn

Thursday: May 6, 13, 20, 27
Friday: June 4, 11, 18, 25
Monday: June 28; July 12, 19
Tuesday: July 27; Aug. 3, 10, 17
Wednesday: Aug. 25; Sept. 1, 8

Department 32, Judge Mary H. Strobel

Wednesday: May 5, 12, 26
Thursday: June 3, 10, 17, 24
Friday: July 2, 9, 16, 23
Monday: July 26; Aug. 2, 9, 16
Tuesday: Aug. 24, 31; Sept. 7, 14

Department 33, Judge Charles F. Palmer

Monday: May 3, 10, 17, 24
Tuesday: June 1, 8, 15, 22
Wednesday: June 30; July 7, 14
Thursday: July 29; August 5, 12, 19
Friday: Aug. 27; Sept. 3, 10, 17

Department 48, Judge Elizabeth Allen White

Friday: May 7, 14, 21, 28
Monday: June 7, 14, 21
Tuesday: June 29; July 6, 13, 20
Wednesday: July 28; Aug. 4, 11
Thursday: Aug. 26; Sept. 2, 9, 16

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Department 78, Judge William F. Fahey

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| Tuesday: | May 4, 11, 18, 25 |
| Wednesday: | June 2, 9, 23 |
| Thursday: | July 1, 8, 15, 22 |
| Friday: | July 30; Aug. 6, 13, 20 |
| Monday: | Aug. 23, 30; Sept. 13 |

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Should you have questions, please contact Central Civil Court Administration in Room 109 or call (213) 974-5248.

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