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CIVIL DIVISION ANNOUNCES PERSONAL INJURY HUB PROCEDURAL CHANGES EFFECTIVE MAY 16

Advanced Timeline for Order to Show Cause Hearings and Case Type Limitations Will Streamline Case Handling and Improve Efficiency

The Superior Court of Los Angeles County announces the following changes to the Personal Injury (PI) Hub court procedures, **effective May 16, 2022**.

Order to Show Cause Hearings:

Personal Injury cases filed on or after May 16, 2022, will be set approximately 24 months from filing date for an Order to Show Cause why the matter should not be dismissed for a plaintiff's failure to file a proof of service of the summons and complaint, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) §§ 583.210 and 583.250. At the hearing, absent a showing of good cause, the PI Hub courts will consider dismissing matters pursuant to CCP §§ 583.410 and 583.420(1).

Limiting Case Types Assigned to PI Hub Courts:

Effective May 16, the PI Hub will limit the types of cases assigned to the PI Hub courts. Only these case types, as identified in the Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum, will be assigned upon filing to the PI Hub:

- Vehicular accidents and uninsured motorist claims (Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum A2201 and 4601)

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- Premises liability - e.g., dangerous conditions of property, slip/trip and fall, dog bites, etc. (Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum 2301)
- Intentional infliction of injury - e.g., assault, battery, vandalism, etc. (Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum A2302)
- Intentional infliction of emotional distress (Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum A2303)
- Other PI or property damage or wrongful death (Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum A2304)
- Construction accidents (Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum A2307)

The following case types (as identified in the Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum) will be assigned upon filing to Independent Calendar courts as complicated personal injury cases:

- Elder abuse and claims against skilled nursing facilities (Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum 2305)
- Cases involving claims of childhood sexual abuse (Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum 2306)
- Habitability claims – e.g., mold, bedbugs, etc. (Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum 2308)
- Products liability (Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum 2401 and 2402)
- Medical and other professional malpractice claims (Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum 4501 and 4502)

Please pay special attention to and indicate the appropriate case type on the revised Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum, attached here and approved for use effective May 16, 2022.

Also, effective immediately, while parties may continue to submit up to two stipulations to continue trial, for a total continuance of six months, the agreed upon trial date must be before the 2-year anniversary of the filing of the complaint. Otherwise, the parties are required to move for a trial continuance, and such continuance will only be granted upon a showing of good cause.

The goal of these changes is to expedite the time to trial and to minimize the disruption caused by the late transfer of a matter. This disruption has sometimes occurred on the eve of an important hearing date once it was discovered that a case required more attention than a PI Hub court could afford to provide given these courts' case inventories.

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In view of these changes, cases will not be transferred from the PI Hub absent a showing of good cause. Accordingly, the Motion/Opposition/Stipulation to Transfer Form (LASC form LACIV 238) is no longer available for use.

In association with these changes, the PI Hub has updated and consolidated its Standing Order, [linked here](#).

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CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND STATEMENT OF LOCATION
(CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court

Step 1: After completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet (Judicial Council form CM-010), find the exact case type in Column A that corresponds to the case type indicated in the Civil Case Cover Sheet.

Step 2: In Column B, check the box for the type of action that best describes the nature of the case.

Step 3: In Column C, circle the number which explains the reason for the court filing location you have chosen.

Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location (Column C)

1. Class Actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Central District.	7. Location where petitioner lives.
2. Permissive filing in Central District.	8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
3. Location where cause of action arose.	9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.
4. Mandatory personal injury filing in North District.	10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office.
5. Location where performance required, or defendant resides.	11. Mandatory filing location (Hub Cases – unlawful detainer, limited non-collection, limited collection, or personal injury).
6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.	

	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Case Type	B Type of Action (check only one)	C Applicable Reasons (See Step 3 above)
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Personal Injury Cases Assigned to the Personal Injury Hub Courts

Auto Tort	Auto (22)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2201 Motor Vehicle – Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11
	Uninsured Motorist (46)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4601 Uninsured Motorist – Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1, 4, 11
	Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2301 Premise Liability (e.g., dangerous conditions of property, slip/trip and fall, dog attack, etc.)	1, 4, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2302 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, battery, vandalism, etc.)	1, 4, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2303 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress	1, 4, 11
<input type="checkbox"/> 2304 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death		1, 4, 11	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2307 Construction Accidents	1, 4, 11	

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Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Tort	Product Liability (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2401 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental) <input type="checkbox"/> 2402 Product Liability – Song-Beverly Consumer Warranty Act (CA Civil Code §§1790-1795.8) (Lemon Law)	1, 3, 5 1, 3, 5
	Medical Malpractice (45)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4501 Medical Malpractice – Physicians & Surgeons <input type="checkbox"/> 4502 Other Professional Health Case Malpractice	1, 3, 5 1, 3, 5
	Other Personal Injury / Property Damage / Wrongful Death (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2305 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse/Claims Against Skilled Nursing Facility <input type="checkbox"/> 2306 Intentional Conduct – Sexual Abuse Case (in any form) <input type="checkbox"/> 2308 Landlord – Tenant Habitability (e.g., bed bugs, mold, etc.)	1, 3, 5 1, 3, 5 1, 3, 5

Other Civil Cases Assigned to Independent Calendar Courts			
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Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage /Wrongful Death Tort	Business Tort (07)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0701 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud or breach of contract)	1, 2, 3
	Civil Rights (08)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0801 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1, 2, 3
	Defamation (13)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1301 Defamation (slander/libel)	1, 2, 3
	Fraud (16)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1601 Fraud (no contract)	1, 2, 3
	Professional Negligence (25)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2501 Legal Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 2502 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1, 2, 3 1, 2, 3
	Other (35)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3501 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage Tort	1, 2, 3
Employment	Wrongful Termination (36)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3601 Wrongful Termination	1, 2, 3
	Other Employment (15)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1501 Other Employment Complaint Case <input type="checkbox"/> 1502 Labor Commissioner Appeals	1, 2, 3 10
Contract	Breach of Contract / Warranty (06) (not insurance)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0601 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction)	2, 5
		<input type="checkbox"/> 0602 Contract/Warranty Breach – Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence)	2, 5
		<input type="checkbox"/> 0603 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud)	1, 2, 5

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Contract	Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0604 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud/ negligence) <input type="checkbox"/> 0605 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (COVID-19 Rental Debt)	1, 2, 5 2, 5
	Collections (09)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0901 Collections Case – Seller Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> 0902 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case <input type="checkbox"/> 0903 Collections Case – Purchased Debt (charged off consumer debt purchased on or after January 1, 2014) <input type="checkbox"/> 0904 Collections Case – COVID-19 Rental Debt	5, 6, 11 5, 11 5, 6, 11 5, 11
	Insurance Coverage (18)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1801 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1, 2, 5, 8
	Other Contract (37)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3701 Contractual Fraud	1, 2, 3, 5
		<input type="checkbox"/> 3702 Tortious Interference	1, 2, 3, 5
<input type="checkbox"/> 3703 Other Contract Dispute (not breach/insurance/fraud/ negligence)		1, 2, 3, 8, 9	
Real Property	Eminent Domain/ Inverse Condemnation (14)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1401 Eminent Domain/Condemnation Number of Parcels _____	2, 6
	Wrongful Eviction (33)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3301 Wrongful Eviction Case	2, 6
	Other Real Property (26)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2601 Mortgage Foreclosure	2, 6
<input type="checkbox"/> 2602 Quiet Title		2, 6	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2603 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)		2, 6	
Unlawful Detainer	Unlawful Detainer – Commercial (31)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3101 Unlawful Detainer – Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer – Residential (32)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3201 Unlawful Detainer – Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer – Post Foreclosure (34)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3401 Unlawful Detainer – Post Foreclosure	2, 6, 11
	Unlawful Detainer – Drugs (38)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3801 Unlawful Detainer – Drugs	2, 6, 11
Judicial Review	Asset Forfeiture (05)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0501 Asset Forfeiture Case	2, 3, 6
	Petition re Arbitration (11)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1101 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2, 5
	Writ of Mandate (02)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0201 Writ – Administrative Mandamus	2, 8
<input type="checkbox"/> 0202 Writ – Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter		2	
<input type="checkbox"/> 0203 Writ – Other Limited Court Case Review		2	

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Judicial Review	Other Judicial Review (39)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3901 Other Writ/Judicial Review	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 3902 Administrative Hearing	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 3903 Parking Appeal	2, 8
Provisionally Complex Litigation	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0301 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1, 2, 8
	Asbestos (04)	<input type="checkbox"/> 0401 Asbestos Property Damage	1, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> 0402 Asbestos Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	1, 11
	Construction Defect (10)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1001 Construction Defect	1, 2, 3
	Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4001 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1, 2, 8
	Securities Litigation (28)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2801 Securities Litigation Case	1, 2, 8
	Toxic Tort Environmental (30)	<input type="checkbox"/> 3001 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1, 2, 3, 8
Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4101 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1, 2, 5, 8	
Enforcement of Judgment	Enforcement of Judgment (20)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2001 Sister State Judgment	2, 5, 11
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2002 Abstract of Judgment	2, 6
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2003 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations)	2, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2004 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes)	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2005 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment Unpaid Tax	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 2006 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2, 8, 9
Miscellaneous Civil Complaints	RICO (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2701 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1, 2, 8
	Other Complaints (not specified above) (42)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4201 Declaratory Relief Only	1, 2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4202 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment)	2, 8
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4203 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex)	1, 2, 8
	<input type="checkbox"/> 4304 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)	1, 2, 8	
Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2101 Partnership and Corporation Governance Case	2, 8
	Other Petitions (not specified above) (43)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4301 Civil Harassment with Damages	2, 3, 9
		<input type="checkbox"/> 4302 Workplace Harassment with Damages	2, 3, 9

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Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	Other Petitions (not specified above) (43)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4303 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case with Damages <input type="checkbox"/> 4304 Election Contest <input type="checkbox"/> 4305 Petition for Change of Name/Change of Gender <input type="checkbox"/> 4306 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law <input type="checkbox"/> 4307 Other Civil Petition	2, 3, 9 2 2, 7 2, 3, 8 2, 9

Step 4: Statement of Reason and Address: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected. Enter the address, which is the basis for the filing location including zip code. (No address required for class action cases).

REASON: <input type="checkbox"/> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> 6. <input type="checkbox"/> 7. <input type="checkbox"/> 8. <input type="checkbox"/> 9. <input type="checkbox"/> 10. <input type="checkbox"/> 11.			ADDRESS:
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:	

Step 5: Certification of Assignment: I certify that this case is properly filed in the _____ District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code of Civ. Proc., 392 et seq., and LASC Local Rule 2.3(a)(1)(E)]

Dated: _____

 (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:

1. Original Complaint or Petition.
2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
3. Civil Case Cover Sheet Judicial Council form CM-010.
4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form LASC CIV 109 (05/22).
5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless there is a court order for waiver, partial or schedule payments.
6. A signed order appointing a Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court to issue a Summons.
7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the Summons and Complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.