

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**

**In Re:**

**ASSIGNMENT OF CASES BASED ON  
INITIAL FILING PARTY'S ADDRESS OR  
LOCATION OF THE ARREST/CITATION /**

STANDING ORDER 2023-07

**WHEREAS**, the court has two case filing locations - Ukiah courthouse and Ten Mile courthouse in Fort Bragg - for criminal, civil, family law and probate cases;

**WHEREAS**, Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) conservatorships, Qui Tam actions under the False Claims Act, CEQA Proceedings under Public Resources Code section 21000 et. seq., and cases filed under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court shall only be filed in the Ukiah courthouse;

**WHEREAS**, the court utilizes remote appearances in all civil, family law and probate case types and for most types of appearances in criminal cases, making it possible for parties, their counsel and witnesses to appear remotely via Zoom for these court proceedings;

**WHEREAS**, generally the Ten Mile courthouse processes filings for parties living in the coastal communities of Mendocino County (Fort Bragg, Town of Mendocino, Comptche, Westport, Elk, Caspar, Point Arena, Gualala, or other tiny coastal communities) and for crimes and citations occurring in those communities;


**WHEREAS**, citations issued for violations on Highway 1 and Highway 20 west of Willits are filed in the Ten Mile Courthouse;

**WHEREAS**, the scarcity of interpreter resources to serve the Ten Mile courthouse necessitates transfer of jury trials requiring interpreters to the Ukiah courthouse.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, at case initiation the court shall assign cases based on the address of the initial filing party (petitioner/plaintiff) for civil, family law and probate cases. The court shall assign criminal cases based on the location of the citation or the filing office of the District Attorney. Unless a party receives judicial approval to change the filing location, cases shall be assigned and shall remain in the courthouse in which they were assigned.

This standing order shall expire on December 31, 2023.

Dated: 8-15-23

  
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JEANINE NADEL  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court