

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

In Re:

Order of the Presiding Judge

Temporary Emergency Orders
August 2, 2021

In consideration of the public health crisis affecting our state, local, national, and international communities, the Siskiyou County Superior Court issued temporary emergency orders on December 3, 2020 making calendar changes and limiting access to the courthouse. The December 3, 2020 orders were rescinded and modified orders issued April 6, 2021. The April 6, 2021 orders are hereby rescinded and the following orders issued. The court continues to implement emergency orders granted by the Chief Justice of California by separate orders. The court also continues to utilize statewide emergency orders and emergency Rules of Court that remain in effect.

Criminal Matters:

A. In-Custody Arraignments

In-custody arraignments shall continue to be heard on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3:00 p.m. and specially set on Tuesdays or Thursdays, upon advance request, as necessary to meet statutory time requirements.

B. Misdemeanors

Mandatory settlement conferences shall continue to be conducted each Monday from 8:30 a.m. until noon for cases to be heard on that day's 1:30 p.m. misdemeanor pre-trial calendar. Attorneys are expected to have exchanged discovery, discussed offers and counter offers and have authority from clients to attempt settlement prior to the settlement conference.

C. Felony Warrant Recall

Attorneys may request via memo to the court, that a matter in which an arrest or bench warrant has been issued be placed on calendar for the appearance of the defendant and recall of the warrant.

D. Trial Setting and Trial Management Conferences

Trial setting and trial management conference rules as set forth in the Siskiyou County Local Rules are reinstated with the following modification.

Trials will generally be calendared to start on a Monday at 8:30 a.m., or on a Tuesday if Monday is a holiday. A trial management conference will be scheduled on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., two weeks prior to the scheduled trial date. A mandatory settlement conference will be scheduled on Thursday at 8:30 a.m., approximately 12 days prior to the trial management conference and one week prior to the filing and service deadline for trial management documents. Defendants will be ordered present on all scheduled dates, including at the settlement conference.

If a trial is set without a time waiver and the above scheduling guidelines cannot be accommodated, the mandatory settlement conference may be set the same week trial management documents are due. Unless an attorney obtains prior approval from the trial judge, the deadline for filing trial documents shall not be extended. Failure to file required documentation when due may result in sanctions.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Date: August 2, 2021


KAREN L. DIXON, Presiding Judge