

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PERSONAL INJURY CASES IN DISTRICT LOCATIONS

OTHER THAN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT

(November 9, 2022)

- 1. How will my Personal Injury case be assigned as of October 10, 2022?** Effective October 10, new personal injury (PI) cases, except those originating in the Central District, will be handled in IC courts in the courthouses located in the district where the accident occurred – for adjudication by the same judge from start to finish.
- 2. If there is more than one courthouse in the district where I am filing a PI case, which courthouse address should be placed on the summons?** Certain districts have multiple locations where Personal Injury cases may be assigned. Use the courthouse address where you are filing the case. If the case is randomly assigned to a different location, our clerical staff will make the correction on the summons.
- 3. Can I use form LACIV 242 ([Proposed] Order and Stipulation to Continue Trial, FSC [and Related Motion/Discovery Dates] Personal Injury Courts Only (Central District)) to request a trial continuance?** No. This form is strictly for the PI Hub at Spring Street Courthouse. Consider an Ex Parte Application, Stipulation and Order, noticed motion or contact your assigned courtroom to inquire about trial continuances.
- 4. Does the “Eighth Amended Standing Order for Procedures in the Personal Injury HUB Courts Effective October 10, 2022” apply to my case?** No. This standing order applies only to PI Hub for the courtrooms located at the Spring Street Courthouse.
- 5. Can I still file “out-of-county” personal injury cases downtown in the Central District?** Yes, out-of-county personal injury cases may be filed in the Central District pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) 395 (a).

To file a Personal Injury case pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure, section 395(a) in which the injury occurred outside of Los Angeles County, but one or more of the defendants reside in Los Angeles County:

- Statement required on the first page of the complaint identifying the action as being filed pursuant to CCP 395 (a)
- Filing Zip Code should be the zip code of residency

- Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location (CIV 109) should reflect the out of county location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred (reason 4). The City, State and Zip code should indicate the residency information.

Case assignment will be based upon the zip code of residency and may be assigned to a District location.

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 checked="" 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: Out of County location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred
CITY: of Residency	STATE: CA	ZIP CODE: of Residency	

Step 5: Certification of Assignment: I certify that this case is properly filed in the (based on residency zip code) 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)