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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

IN RE ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER OF
PERSONAL INJURY CASES

GENERAL ORDER

ORDER RE: ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER OF PERSONAL INJURY CASES

The Superior Court of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles (Superior Court, Los Angeles County), hereby issues the following order regarding the assignment of Personal Injury (“PI”) cases within the Central District and the transfer of a number of PI cases out of the Central District.

1. Authority

This order is being made pursuant to Government Code section 69508(a), California Rules of Court, rule 10.603, and the Superior Court, Los Angeles County, Local Rules, rule 2.3. It supersedes paragraphs 2 and 3 only (from page 2, line 17 through page 3, line 23) of the Eighth Amended Standing Order for Procedures in the Personal Injury Hub Courts Effective October 10, 2022 (9/20/22). No other provision of the Eighth Amended Standing Order is affected by the instant order.

2. Purpose

After a thorough examination of case filings, pending inventories, aging reports, workloads, and other statistics and data, the Court has concluded that the unlimited jurisdiction Independent Calendar (“IC”) Court model is the most effective model of case management to ensure the resolution of PI cases within the civil case disposition time goals set forth in California Standards of Judicial Administration section 2.1. For this and other reasons, the Court has been transitioning away from the PI hub model since October 2022. To that end, ultimately all PI cases will be assigned to IC courtrooms and will be actively managed by the assigned judicial officer.

1 **3. Assignment of Personal Injury Cases to Judicial Districts; Assignments within Central**
2 **District**

- 3 • Unless otherwise ordered, all pending cases remain where they are assigned.
- 4 • Since October 10, 2022, all newly filed PI cases, as defined in Los Angeles County Local
5 Rules, rule 2.3, have been filed in the judicial district where the incident arose. This remains
6 true going forward.
- 7 • Parties filing PI cases should use the filing court locator on the Los Angeles Superior Court
8 website to determine the appropriate filing location (www.lacourt.org and
9 <https://www.lacourt.org/filinglocatormet/ui/filingsearch.aspx?CT=CI>).
- 10 • Since January 8, 2024, all PI cases filed in the Court’s Central District have been assigned
11 for all purposes to IC departments at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, rather than a PI Hub
12 Court. This remains true going forward.

13 **4. Closure of PI Hub Court Department 30 and Opening of Department T in the Alhambra**
14 **Courthouse**

15 Effective May 13, 2024, Department 30 in the PI Hub has closed. The same date, a new unlimited
16 jurisdiction IC courtroom opened in the Alhambra Courthouse (Department T), within the Northeast
17 District. Effective May 13, 2024, under the authority of Los Angeles County Local Rule 2.3(b)(1), PI
18 cases filed on or before May 12, 2022 are reassigned from Department 30 to Department T for all
19 purposes (including trial). All previously scheduled dates (including hearing and trial) for these cases
20 transferred from Department 30 to Department T remain set unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Also
21 effective May 13, 2024, and pursuant to California Rules of Court, rules 10.603(b)(1)(B) and
22 10.603(c)(1)(D), PI cases filed since May 13, 2022, have been redistributed from Department 30 to the
23 remaining departments within the PI Hub.

24 **5. Closure of PI Hub Court Department 31 and Opening of Department B at the Van Nuys**
25 **Courthouse**

26 Effective June 24, 2024, Department 31 in the PI Hub will close. The same date, a new IC Court
27 will be opened in Department B at the Van Nuys Courthouse, within the Northwest District. Effective
28 June 24, 2024, under the authority of Los Angeles County Local Rule 2.3(b)(1), PI cases filed on or

1 before June 23, 2022, in Department 31 are reassigned to Department B for all purposes (including trial).
 2 All previously scheduled dates (including hearing and trial) for cases transferred from Department 31
 3 to Department B remain set unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Effective June 24, 2024, and pursuant
 4 to California Rules of Court, rules 10.603(b)(1)(B) and 10.603(c)(1)(D), the PI cases filed since June
 5 24, 2022, in Department 31 are ordered redistributed to the remaining departments within the PI Hub.

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 7 This General Order is to remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Presiding Judge.

8 GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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 11 DATED: May 17, 2024



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