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Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

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

COURT SECURITY

GENERAL ORDER
(SUPERSEDING 2024-GEN-002-00)

The Court hereby orders:

I. RESTRICTIONS ON WEAPONS

A. All persons entering a Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles (Court) courthouse are subject to weapons screening procedures established by the Court and Sheriff of Los Angeles County. Any person refusing to comply with the lawful order of security personnel assigned to conduct weapons screening may be refused entry into the courthouse.

B. All persons are prohibited from entering a Los Angeles County courthouse or facility with a firearm or deadly or dangerous weapon unless:

1. they are duly appointed California or federal law enforcement officers on official business,
2. they are retired peace officers with a valid authorization to carry a concealed weapon,
3. they are judges or commissioners of the Court and hold a valid license to carry a concealed weapon, or
4. they present to security personnel proof of written permission from the Presiding Judge authorizing the individual to enter with a weapon pursuant to Section I(D) and (E) below.

- 1 C. Under no circumstances shall any law enforcement officer, retired law enforcement officer,
2 judge, commissioner, or other authorized individual under Section I(B)(4) bring a firearm or
3 deadly or dangerous weapon into a Los Angeles County courthouse, courtroom, or court
4 facility if they are entering as a party litigant in a private action.
- 5 D. Persons who have a valid carry concealed weapons (CCW) license and are not judges or
6 commissioners of the Court, California or federal law enforcement officers on official
7 business, or retired peace officers may request written permission to carry a weapon into a
8 Los Angeles County courthouse or facility from the Presiding Judge as follows:
- 9 1. Complete and submit the Request to Carry Weapon in Superior Court of Los
10 Angeles County Courthouse/ Facility & Authorization Form, and
 - 11 2. submit proof of the requestor's lawful authorization to carry the weapon.
- 12 E. As the duly authorized official in charge of security of Los Angeles County courthouses and
13 to ensure the safety of all persons entering therein, the Presiding Judge may grant written
14 permission to carry a weapon into a Los Angeles County courthouse upon a showing of a
15 compelling need. The written permission will be provided on an approved Court form. The
16 Presiding Judge may order additional conditions such as specifying a date or duration of the
17 permission, the authorized areas of the courthouse where the weapon may be carried, storage
18 requirements of the weapon, and any other reasonable conditions as determined by the
19 Presiding Judge.
- 20 F. Upon entering any courthouse, courtroom, or court location, all persons¹ in possession of a
21 firearm or deadly or dangerous weapon must immediately identify themselves to security
22 personnel, courtroom bailiff, courtroom assistant, or judicial assistant, indicate they are
23 carrying a weapon, specify the category under Section I(B) for carrying, and explain the
24 purpose of their visit.

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27 ¹Except judges and commissioners with a valid CCW license performing their judicial functions
28 and California and federal law enforcement officers on official business.

1 G. Individuals authorized to bring a firearm or deadly or dangerous weapon into a Los Angeles
2 County courthouse or Court facility under Section I(B)(4) are prohibited from bringing the
3 firearm or weapon into a courtroom and must place the firearm or weapon in a self-supplied
4 California-approved lock box as soon as practicable after entering the courthouse or Court
5 facility. The lock box must be placed in a desk or cabinet drawer which is reasonably and
6 foreseeably accessible only by the authorized individual. An authorized individual under
7 Section I(B)(4) is authorized to possess the firearm or weapon outside of the lock box in the
8 courthouse or Court facility only while in transit to or from the individual's office and the
9 courthouse or Court facility entrance or exit.

10 **II. RESTRICTIONS ON PROHIBITED ITEMS.** Except as provided in Section I, all persons are
11 prohibited from entering a Los Angeles County courthouse or facility with any item on the
12 Court's Prohibited Items list, attached, and incorporated herein by this reference as it may be
13 amended.

14 **III. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT DIRECTIONS.** Every person in any
15 courthouse or Court facility shall comply with the lawful requests, directions, and orders of any
16 law enforcement officers and their agents in the performance of their duties.

17 **IV. POSTING AND SERVICE OF ORDER.** This Order shall be posted at each public entrance
18 to a courthouse; and at such other places that will reasonably provide notice of this Order to
19 persons entering such courthouse or facility. The Sheriff of Los Angeles County and his or her
20 deputies and their agents are directed to serve a copy of this Order personally on any person who
21 appears to be in violation thereof, to advise such person of the apparent violation, and, if the
22 apparent violation continues after such notice, to immediately notify the Court's Office of Public
23 Safety, Court Counsel, and/or the Supervising Judge or Site Judge responsible for that
24 courthouse, so that the Court can determine whether proceedings should be initiated to ensure
25 compliance with this Order. This Order shall not preclude any law enforcement officer from
26 taking appropriate steps to ensure the orderly and peaceable conduct of court business at a
27 courthouse.
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1 **V. PENALTIES.** Violation of this Order may result in the imposition of sanctions in the amount
2 of up to \$1,500 per violation pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 177.5 and/or
3 prosecution for criminal violations.
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5 This General Order is to remain in effect until otherwise ordered by the Presiding Judge.

6 GOOD CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS SO ORDERED.
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9 DATED: January 2, 2025



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11 SERGIO C. TAPIA II
12 Presiding Judge
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PROHIBITED ITEMS



To ensure the safety of all who enter the courthouse, the following items are not permitted inside the building:

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- Animals (except service animals)
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs, marijuana, and drug paraphernalia
- Firearms, replica firearms, projectile weapons, ammunition, stun guns and tasers
- Knives, bladed or sharp instruments, needles and syringes* and other similar objects
- Hazardous biological or chemical liquids or materials
- Breakable containers including, but not limited to ceramic and glass
- Flammable and chemical sprays and liquids; all aerosols* including tear gas/pepper spray.
- Lighters, matches, fire starters, or devices capable of emitting smoke or vapor
- Handcuffs and/or handcuff keys
- Any item that can be used as a weapon including, but not limited to, eating utensils, hairbrushes/combs, manicure sets**
- Bicycles, bike locks, chains, skates, skateboards, scooters*, bats and other sporting equipment
- Graffiti tools and marking pens
- Laser pointers*
- Personal property which cannot be safely, adequately, or efficiently screened by security personnel**

**Items required for medical, mobility or disability needs are exempt.*

*** Subject to the discretion of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department screening staff.*

