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Clerk of the Court  
Superior Court of CA County of Santa Clara  
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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA**

**GENERAL ORDER RE: EXTENDED ELIGIBILITY DATE FOR  
COURT-APPOINTED TEMPORARY JUDGES**

The Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara (“Court”) HEREBY FINDS AND  
ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Since March 4, 2020, the State of California has been in a State of Emergency as  
a result of the threat of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

2. On March 16, 2020, the County of Santa Clara Public Health Officer issued an  
order directing all individuals living in Santa Clara County to shelter at their place of residence  
except that they may leave to provide or receive certain essential services or engage in certain  
essential activities and work for essential businesses and governmental services to mitigate the  
spread of COVID-19.

3. On March 19, 2020, the Governor of California issued an order directing all  
Californians to shelter in place at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity  
of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors to protect public health and ensure the  
healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all and prioritizing those at the highest risk and  
vulnerability.

4. On March 31, 2020, the County of Santa Clara Public Health Officer issued an  
order directing all individuals living in Santa Clara County to continue sheltering at their place of

1 residence except for essential needs.

2           5.       On April 29, 2020, the County of Santa Clara Public Health Officer issued an  
3 order directing all individuals living in Santa Clara County living in Santa Clara County to  
4 continue sheltering at their place of residence except for essential needs and directing all  
5 businesses, facility operators, and governmental agencies to continue the temporary closure of all  
6 operations not allowed under that order.

7           6.       Essential functions of the Superior Court at this time are limited to proceedings  
8 that are required to comply with defendants' constitutional rights, protect the health and safety of  
9 parties, and address jail population concerns.

10           7.       Pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 2.812(c)(1), Rule 2.813(a), and Rule  
11 2.815(a) regarding the requirements for the court appointment of an attorney to serve as a  
12 temporary judge and the continuing educational requirements for court-appointed temporary  
13 judges, the Superior Court had scheduled and advertised a Bench Conduct and Demeanor  
14 Training for March 23, 2020, of three hours duration to be taught by a qualified judicial officer  
15 in person. The Superior Court typically aims to host four of these trainings per year.

16           8.       In light of the dangers posed by the COVID-19 outbreak in Santa Clara County  
17 and in line with the suspensions deemed necessary to comply with the aforementioned orders, all  
18 court-appointed temporary judge assignments and trainings were canceled in March 2020.

19           9.       The Superior Court is further unable to schedule any future trainings due to the  
20 evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic.

21           10.      For the court-appointed temporary judges whose eligibility expired or was set to  
22 expire from January 1, 2020, through July 31, 2020, the Superior Court finds good cause to  
23 extend the eligibility of these temporary judges until the point in which the Superior Court can  
24 offer the required training in-person. This extension will further the ability of the Superior Court  
25 to maintain the safe and orderly operation of the Superior Court.

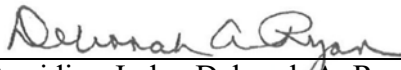
26           11.      For this purpose, "court-appointed temporary judge" means an attorney who has  
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1 satisfied the requirements for appointment under rule 2.812 and has been appointed by the  
2 Superior Court to serve as a temporary judge in Santa Clara County.

3 12. Once the Superior Court can resume offering the required trainings in-person, all  
4 eligibility dates that were previously extended under this order will be calculated based on the  
5 completion of the requisite coursework, including the in-person and online components. Under  
6 the California Rules of Court, Rule 10.741, the Presiding Judge will continue to monitor and  
7 supervise the training of all court-appointed temporary judges.

8 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

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10 Dated: June 16, 2020

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13 Presiding Judge Deborah A. Ryan  
14 Santa Clara County Superior Court  
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