

# Superior Court of California County of Santa Clara

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## **For Immediate Release JUDICIAL COUNCIL ORDERS SUPERIOR COURTS CLOSED ONE DAY PER MONTH TO ADDRESS FISCAL CRISIS**

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For case-specific information, please contact the courthouse in which the case is filed, as follows:

- Hall of Justice – 408-808-6600
- Downtown Superior Court/Old Courthouse – 408-882-2100 (Menu options: For the Civil calendar unit, press 6 – For Probate, press 7)
- Family Court (Park Center Plaza) – 408-534-5710
- Notre Dame Courthouse – 408-882-2909
- Terraine Courthouse (Dependency/Drug Treatment) – 408-491-4700
- Juvenile Justice Court – 408-808-6211
- Santa Clara Courthouse (Small Claims/Traffic) – 408-556-3000
- Morgan Hill Courthouse - 408-695-5000
- Sunnyvale Courthouse – 408-481-3512
- Palo Alto Courthouse – 650-462-3800

Pursuant to actions taken by the Judicial Council of California on July 29, 2009, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara (and all 57 other Superior Courts in the state) will be closed for business on the third Wednesday of each month, from September 2009 through June 2010. The Judicial Council is the policymaking body of the California courts, and this action was taken in response to the State's unprecedented fiscal crisis and severe judicial branch budget reductions. It is anticipated that the statewide court closures will result in savings of over \$94 million, which will partially address \$414 million in budget reductions for the judicial branch as a whole.

The full list of court closure days is as follows:

- September 16, 2009
- October 21, 2009
- November 18, 2009
- December 16, 2009

- January 20, 2010
- February 17, 2010
- March 17, 2010
- April 21, 2010
- May 19, 2010
- June 16, 2010

The Court will be re-setting cases that were previously scheduled for any of the above dates, and will be sending notices to all affected parties to notify them of their new court dates. If you have a court hearing scheduled for one of the above dates and you do not receive a notice from the Court by one week before the scheduled hearing, you should contact the courthouse in which the matter is calendared for further instructions. If a filing deadline (or other statutory deadline) falls on one of the closure dates, that deadline is automatically extended to the next court business day.

The court closures are authorized by California Government Code 68106, a new statute enacted by the Governor and the Legislature as part of the 2009 – 2010 Budget Act. For more detailed information on court closures and trial court budget allocations, please visit the California Courts website at:

- <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/jc/documents/age072909.pdf>