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The President's Message

In the midst
of chaos,
there is also
opportunity.

- Sun-Tzu -



Michelle Baldwin

GREETINGS CCA MEMBERS!

With over 3,000 members statewide, CCA is the largest association of court professionals in the country. CCA has worked diligently for 69 years to define the profession of court staff and clerks. As we get closer to entering the 2021 year, we are facing unprecedented challenges facing our country over the coming months and years.

Throughout this pandemic, many California courts never fully shut down, and have launched unique and innovative ways to provide essential services to defendants in criminal cases and to serve a public that is facing a tsunami of civil legal problems, including domestic violence, eviction and child custody concerns. Some of these services include court proceedings streamed live online for the public, remote hearings for litigants, live chat help for court users, face-to-face live self-help webinar sessions for non-represented litigants, remote adoptions & more.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic struck the United States, online court hearings have proliferated widely. California Courts are using virtual hearings in an attempt to balance social distancing and the administration of justice. Meanwhile, state court systems continue to seek more innovative ways to provide critical services to its citizens. CCA's mission is to find new and innovative ways to support you, our members.

CCA will continue to push out educational content in whatever ways are necessary. We will be unveiling a new online repository of webinars and other online learning capabilities. We will work with partners and state associations to share and collaborate.

CCA joins with our members and co-workers, remaining hopeful that a bright and positive future lies before us. We have been entrusted with sustainment of the judicial court system, more now than in recent memory. Personal accountability is apparent in the way each of us continue to adapt.

No matter what challenges we face, remember that we are all in this together. Having friends and colleagues in CCA to call upon, to brainstorm new ideas, and to obtain guidance is one of the things that makes the CCA so valuable, especially now.

Regrettably, the board had to cancel our 2020 convention. This was largely because of the responsibility we feel for the well-being of each CCA member. The 2021 conference promises to be an exciting adventure for all association members, marking our 69th year as an association! I hope you will all have new experiences to share, new procedures, new innovations, and a fresh new outlook on what the CCA can become. We are fortunate to already be a few steps ahead on 2021 planning. We all certainly look forward to welcoming you, not only as members, but also as family and friends.

Together, CCA and its members' resiliency and courage to work through obstacles is taking all of our professional lives to a whole other level.

Fondly,
Michelle Baldwin
Your 2020-2021 CCA President

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to retain compassion in times of crisis

(Thurgood Marshall)



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EDITOR'S NOTE BY VICTORIA BORJESSON

Greetings CCA Members:

It's only been about 7 months since the world learned a new and dangerous coronavirus was in our midst. In the time since scientists confirmed the rapidly spreading disease was caused by a new coronavirus, an extraordinary amount has been learned about the virus, SARS-CoV-2, the disease it causes, Covid-19, and how it affects us. By now, most of us are suffering from "news fatigue"

Over these last 7 months and certainly well into the future, our courts have and will continue to frequently monitor and adjust the services available to the public, while remaining mindful of the balance that must be maintained between the timely administration of justice and protecting the health, safety, and well-being of our employees, justice partners, and our communities. As most of you know, this has not been an easy task for any of our California Courts, but we have adapted to the "new normal".

In today's environment, we have news available to us 24 hours a day, on television, computers, and probably most prevalently on our smartphones. Keeping current on important news is more critical than ever, especially since everything that happens these days seems to directly or indirectly affect the work we do for California's judicial branch. The difficult part is sorting through all of the available news to get to the updates that are most salient to our court lives. Which brings me to the next part of my message: please remember that your Minute Book is here to provide you with all of the up-to-date and accurate news that affects our court families. It's critical to learn as much as you can about the services in not only your home courts, but in other California courts so we can help members of the public navigate through this most difficult time when people need access to justice the most. Not only can we serve members of the public, but we can also share procedures and plans on how our each of our court operations are adapting through all of this and what steps have been taken.

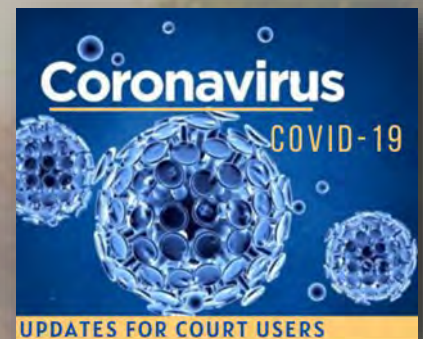
Because CCA did not publish its June/Summer issue due to the Covid-19 crisis, we have published most of the articles that have come out since March, 2020; the beginning of Covid19. It's so hard to keep up on the ever-changing news and how it relates to our courts, so we have provided links to most of the news that we were not able to post in June so you can catch up and see how the "New Normal" has evolved. We have basically provided you with time-line3s of all news from all California Courts, Judicial Council and the Governor's Office. We look forward to seeing everyone again soon! Stay well, stay safe and wear a mask!

Best, Victoria

Coronavirus Updates

The Judicial Council continues to closely monitor the evolving COVID-19 coronavirus situation. Courts have been advised to follow guidance provided by the Department of Public Health, and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to limit the spread of the virus. Updates will be communicated through local court websites as appropriate. Click on the blue graphic with text "coronavirus updates" for court users to find your court.

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Trivia Question #16

Night Court

The Year: 1966.

1. What code section was referenced in the objectives of Traffic Court?
2. What was the effect of the code?
3. Where was night court held?
4. What time did night court end?



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the correct answer
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We aim to get it right, but when we get it wrong, please let us know. We want to correct the record.



Contact Editor [Victoria Borjesson](#) to report any errors.



Screenshot - CCA - Virtual Interpreter Training

Saturday, August 4 and Saturday, August 8, 2020

By Cynthia Maynard, Vice President, Riverside County



CCA Online Virtual Interpreter Training



The California Court Association hosted its very first "Virtual" training for Court Interpreters on Saturday, April 4, 2020. The event was so successful, we scheduled another Interpreter's Virtual Training session which occurred on Saturday, August 8, 2020. Both courses were taught by Nestor Wagner, who specializes in training state and federal Spanish court interpreters and more.



Stay tuned for more CCA "virtual" training and other exciting learning opportunities coming your way!



Nestor Wagner is the Founder and Director of Education of the Southern California School of Interpretation in Santa Fe Springs, California. In business since 1993, he specializes in training state and federal Spanish language court interpreters as well as immigration court, medical, and administrative hearings interpreters.

Mr. Wagner earned his Master's degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics in 1990 from the University of Washington and is also a Certified Court and Medical Interpreter in the state of California.

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California Court Association

New Laws 2021 Workshop

Friday, December 4, 2020

Online Training

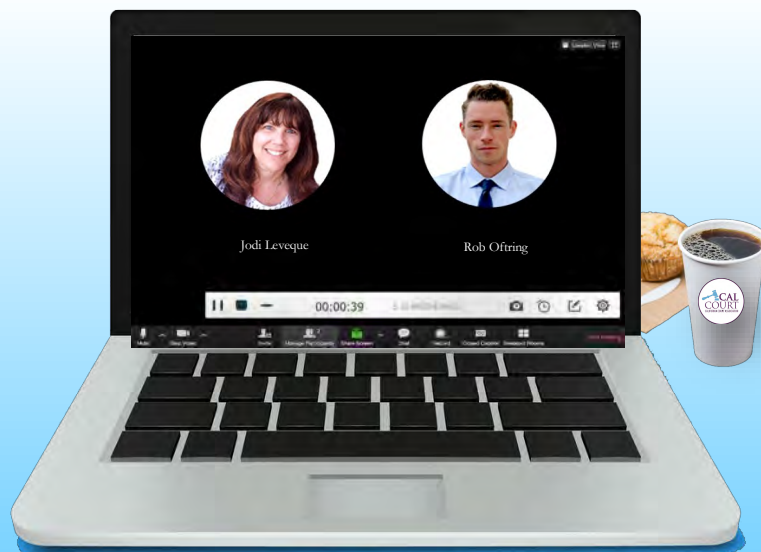
CCA's New Law Workshop is designed to help court professionals navigate the legislative changes by focusing on those bills that have an impact on trial courts. During the Workshop, the Legislation Committee members will summarize bills impacting administration, civil, criminal-traffic, family, juvenile, and probate, and then answer your implementation questions. The workshop was created to help court managers and supervisors identify and implement new laws in their court.

The workshop goals are to:

- Share the knowledge of the Legislation Committee in a casual and comfortable environment
- Promote uniform practices and procedures in the trial courts
- Resolve issues of mutual concern
- Promote cooperation

At the end of the workshop, participants should gain thorough knowledge of the laws impacting their courts.

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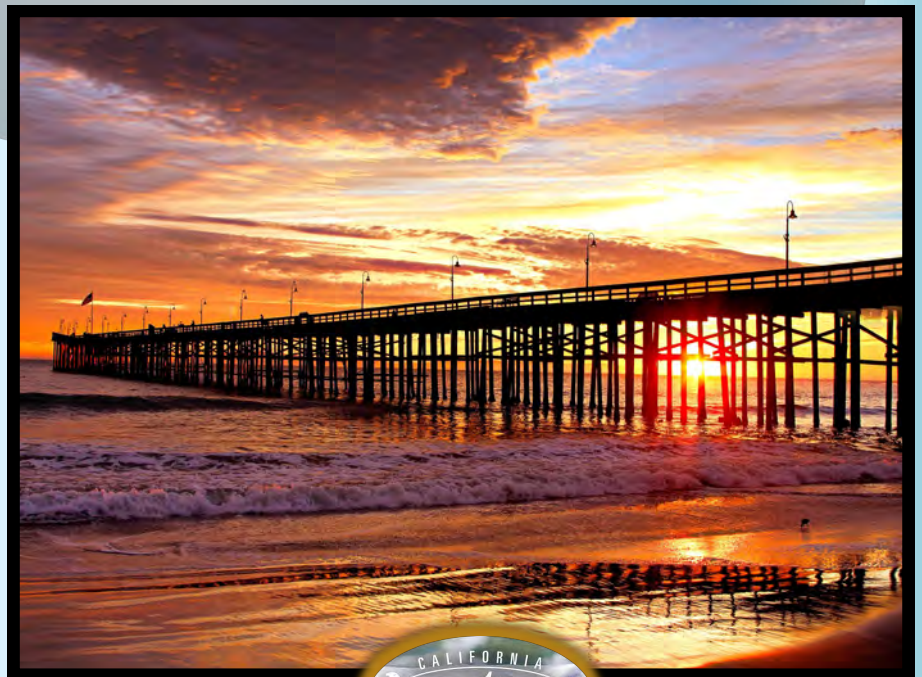
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CCA Spring Training Day

Saturday, April 3, 2021
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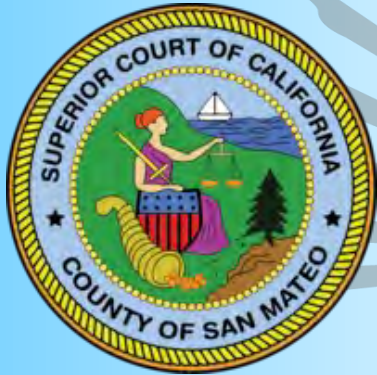
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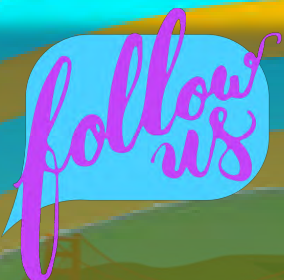


2021 CCA 68th Annual Convention

Friday, August 6, 2021
Saturday, August 7, 2021
San Mateo, California



August 6-7, 2021
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INTERPRETERS CORNER

by Tracy Clark, *Interpreting Services Manager, Ventura County*

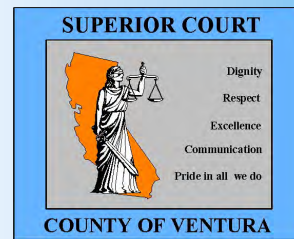
Where Have All The Interpreters Gone?

Now that we are all back at work at the Ventura Superior Court's Hall of Justice, we see only a handful of interpreters, whereas before we used to see interpreters roaming in and out of all courtrooms. *Where are they?*

The answer is: We went virtual! During the 3-month stay-at-home orders, the interpreters kept pace with our lightening-speed ITU unit, and moved home to interpret through Zoom. Interpreting staff never took a day off. (If you're new to our courts, only 8 Spanish interpreters are employees—all other interpreters are contractors.)

Three days were spent in a Zoom crash course training for Zoom interpretation, and then the virtual courtrooms were working, and so were we. With digital copies of court forms, an expanded memory and notepad (for all those consecutive hearings and pleas—we really can't memorize a paragraph at a time!), we were rolling. Did you realize the Public Defender's department has their own group of Zoom rooms? We serve those as well, interpreting attorney/client interviews before the case is called, so that judges and other court staff do not have to wait.

In total, we are covering 20-25 rooms daily (10-14 Zoom court / conference rooms, and 10-12 courtrooms on site) with Spanish alone. Our pool is not big enough to place one person in every Zoom and physical courtroom, so our scheduling has changed, too. Zoom interpreters often work with 2 monitors open, to Zoom into a conference or courtroom as needed, turning mics and cameras on and off so all stays private. HOJ interpreters are each assigned 2-5 courtrooms and go in and out as needed, but rarely stay in the same room all day. This way we've been able to spread across cyberspace and courthouses at the same time.



We're bringing in other languages via Zoom too (Armenian, Tagalog, Vietnamese, to name just a few). And for Zoom courtrooms, distance is not an issue. We are able to hire interpreters of rare languages from out of state at no extra cost.

We Zoom out of our homes, and being the social group that we are, miss seeing each other, and miss seeing all of you. So if you see an interpreter you haven't seen in a while, (even if it's on Zoom before a courtroom opens), we'd be happy to get the smiles we've depended on for so long, and a "hi, how's it going?" And know you'll get the smile right back, and that we never left you or stopped interpreting; we just adjusted with our COVID times.



Tracy Clark is a certified ASL court interpreter, holding the SC:L from the RID. She worked as a freelance interpreter for 25 years before coming to the Superior Courts of California, County of Ventura as staff interpreter in 2006. In 2011, Tracy became the Manager of Interpreting Services at these courts, where she coordinates interpreters of over 50 languages among multiple courthouses in Ventura County. Ms. Clark has a Masters Degree in Linguistics from California State University, Northridge, where she taught courses in interpretation and linguistics for the Departments of Deaf Studies and Anthropology before returning full time to interpreting. For six years, Tracy served on the Judicial Council's Court Interpreters' Advisory Panel (CLAP), and then on the Language Access Plan Committee and Implementation Task Force. She helped develop the Guidelines for Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) for ASL-Interpreted Events, which provided the groundwork for the Judicial Council's Guidelines on Video Remote Interpreting for Spoken Language-Interpreted Events. She participated as an interpreter in the ASL VRI pilot, and as a manager in the spoken language VRI pilot.

Tracy Clark
Interpreting Services Manager
Ventura County



CCA Regional Director Recruitment

CCA is excited to be recruiting for our new Regional Director positions. The application process is open until September 15th. To apply for the Regional Director, you are required to be a current member of CCA.

Here are just a few of the duties of the CCA Regional Director:

- Represent membership interest during Association business/events
- Communicate and coordinate Association business and events with Court Liaisons(s)
- In partnership with the Membership Committee, participate in activities to recruit new members
- Attend Executive Board Meetings
- Assist at the

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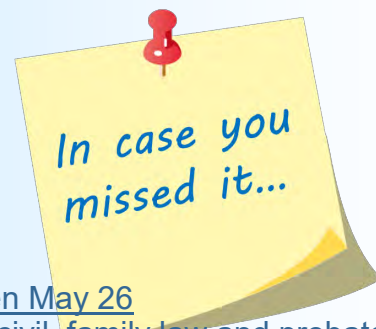


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Court Emergency Orders

August 31, 2020 | Feature

In response to the COVID-19 virus, Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye is supporting emergency orders from counties across the state.

Judicial Branch Emergency Actions: Criminal, Civil and Juvenile Court

August 17, 2020 | Feature

Since a state of emergency was declared, the judicial branch has approved a number of actions to protect public health while ensuring access to justice.

Temporary Emergency Rules on Evictions, Foreclosures Set to End at Midnight Sept. 1 After Judicial Council Vote

August 13, 2020 | News Release

The Judicial Council voted to end two temporary emergency rules governing evictions and judicial foreclosures, to stay in effect through midnight Sept. 1.

Judicial Council to Vote on Eviction and Foreclosure Temporary Emergency Rules

August 11, 2020 | News Release

San Francisco—Judicial Council of California voting members today received a circulating order to vote by August 13, 2020, on a proposal to end the temporary emergency rules on evictions and foreclosures.

Video: Colleagues Salute Retiring California Supreme Court Justice Ming Chin

July 28, 2020 | Feature

Fellow California Supreme Court justices paid tribute to Justice Chin before his last oral argument, which was held by videoconference.

Judicial Council to Distribute Trial Court Funds Based on Workload, Need

July 24, 2020 | News Release

At its July 24 meeting, the council approved state budget funds for the trial courts based on its established workload formula and increased need due to pandemic-related backlogs.

Council to Consider Allocation of State Budget Funds to Trial Courts

July 20, 2020 | News Release

July 24 business meeting will determine how the council incorporates an ongoing budget reduction of \$167.8 million, as well as \$50 million in one-time funding included in the budget to help courts deal with backlogs caused by COVID-19-related service reductions.

What to Know About the Judicial Branch Budget

June 30, 2020 | Feature

The budget cuts \$200 million from the state court system, though \$150 million could be restored if the federal government sends additional aid by the fall.

Judicial Council, Chief Justice End Some Emergency Measures as California and Courts Expand Reopening

June 10, 2020 | News Release

The Judicial Council voted to end the COVID-19 emergency bail schedule, as California begins a phased re-opening and courts restore services shuttered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chief Justice Suspends Vote on Eviction, Foreclosure Emergency Rules

June 10, 2020 | News Release

The Judicial Council of California will not vote today on whether to end two emergency rules governing evictions and judicial foreclosures, after Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye announced she suspended the vote.

Judicial Council, Chief Justice Consider Ending Some Emergency Measures as California and Courts Expand Reopening

June 08, 2020 | News Release

The Judicial Council of California will consider ending three temporary emergency rules governing evictions, judicial foreclosures and an emergency bail schedule, as California begins a phased re-opening and courts restore services shuttered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council Working Group Releases Pandemic Recovery Resource Guide for Courts

June 03, 2020 | News Release

Guide addresses more than 200 questions and topics related to facilities, personnel, jury management, case management and processing, and communications.

Judicial Council Revises Emergency Rule on Statutes of Limitations in Civil Cases

May 29, 2020 | News Release

The Judicial Council approved a revision to emergency rule 9 regarding the statutes of limitations for filing civil cases during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to clarify that the emergency rule also applies to “statutes of repose”.

Judicial Council Hears Report on State Budget Proposal’s Impact to Judicial Branch

May 15, 2020 | News Release

At its May 15 teleconference meeting, the council received reports on potential reductions to judicial branch funding, as well as planning efforts to restore court access and services restricted due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Judicial Council Launches Working Group to Aid Courts in Pandemic Recovery

May 12, 2020 | News Release

The Judicial Council of California has launched the Pandemic Continuity of Operations Working Group, which will quickly collect best practices and publish a framework to help the state's 58 superior courts restore interrupted services in the wake of the...

Council to Hold Regular Business Meeting May 15

May 12, 2020 | News Release

Meeting agenda and council reports are online, and a link to a live audiocast of the meeting will be on the California Courts website on the day of the meeting.

Council Makes It Easier for Parties to Request Changes to Support Orders Amid Pandemic

April 20, 2020 | News Release

Judges now have discretion to backdate modification requests for child, spousal, partner, or family support orders during the state of emergency.

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Judicial Council Mandates Electronic Service of Documents in Most Civil Cases

April 17, 2020 | News Release

The council's latest temporary emergency rule requires attorneys to electronically serve and receive notices and documents in all general civil actions and family and probate proceedings when requested to do so.

Judicial Council Adopts New Rules to Lower Jail Population, Suspend Evictions and Foreclosures

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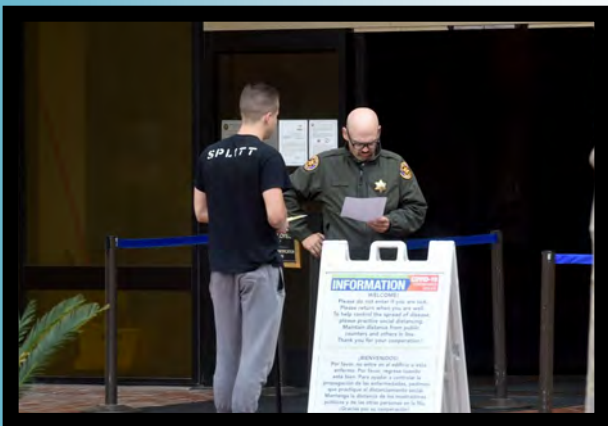
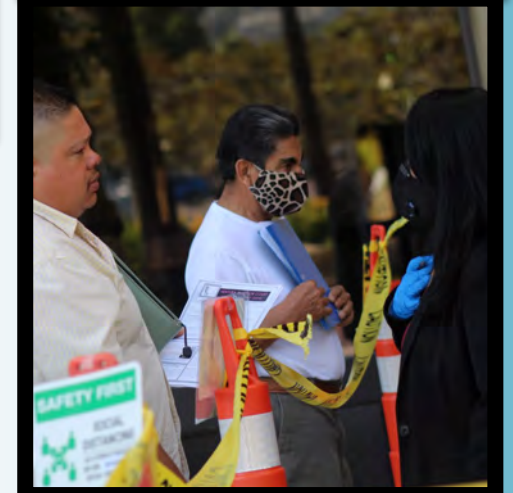
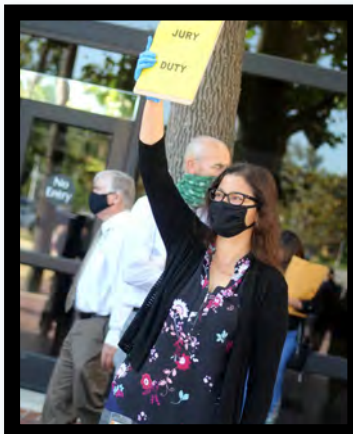




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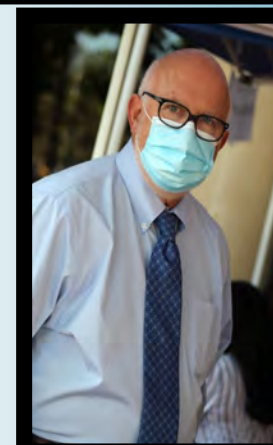
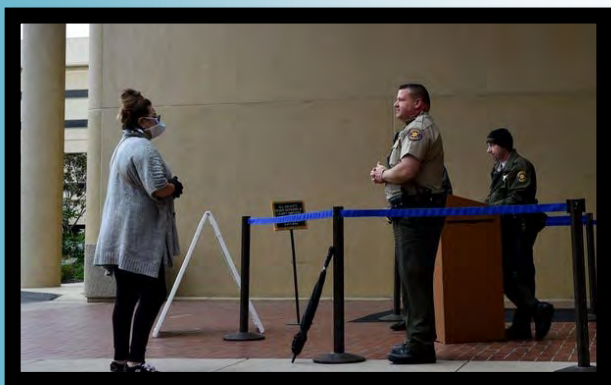
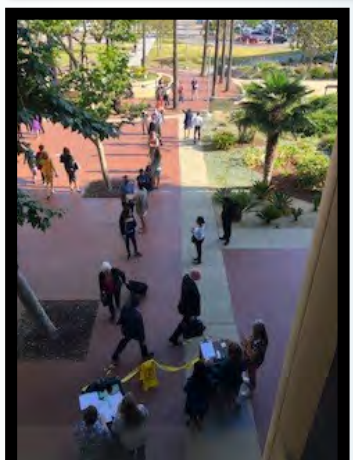
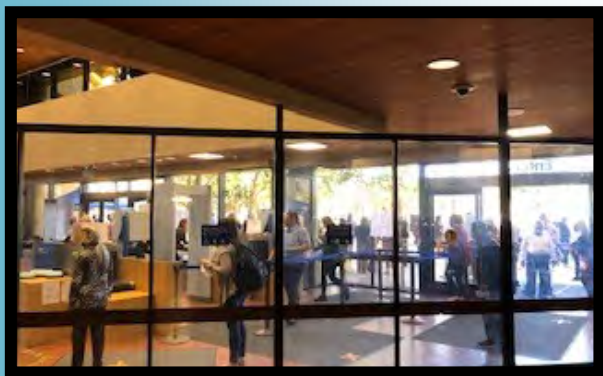
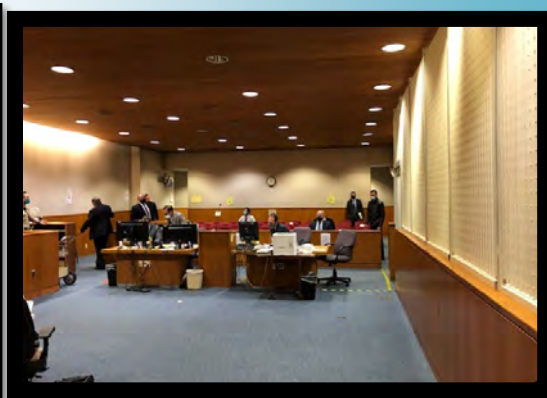
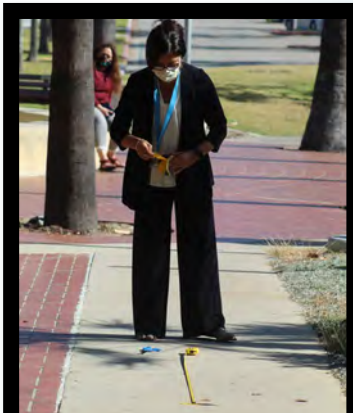




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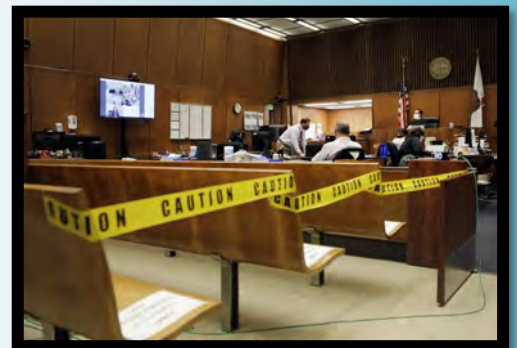
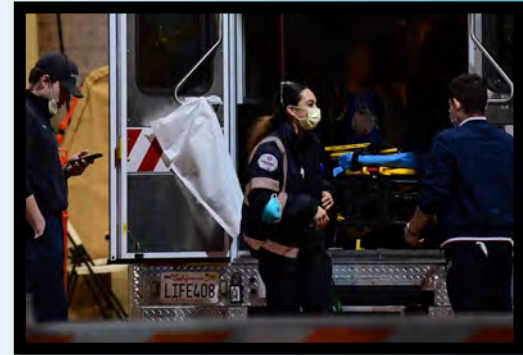
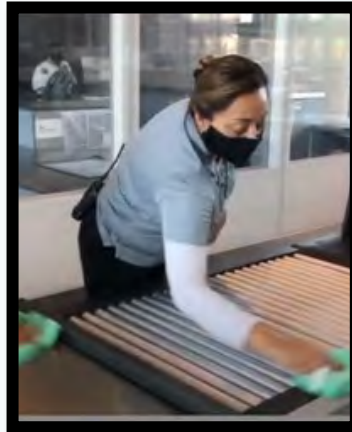




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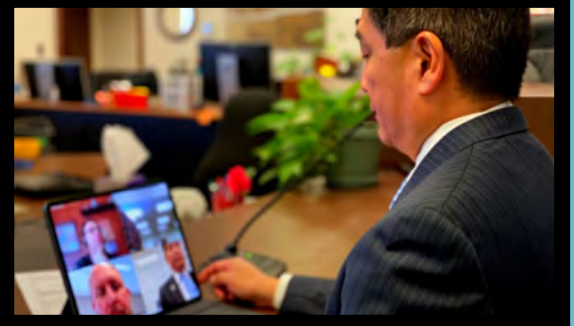




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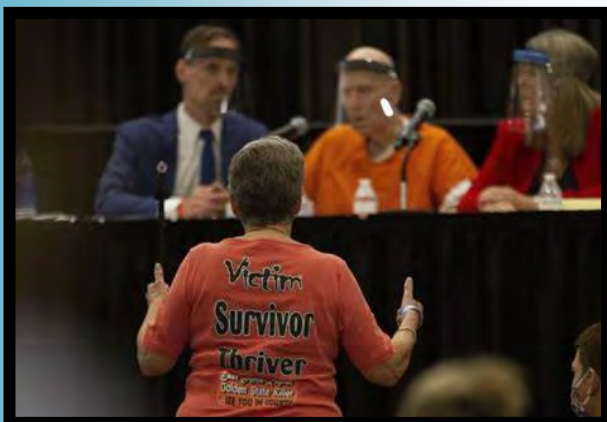
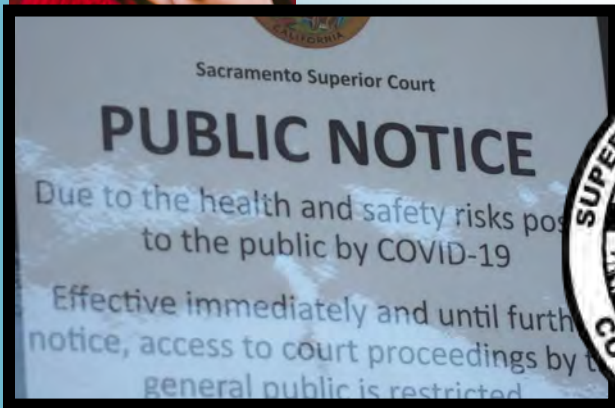




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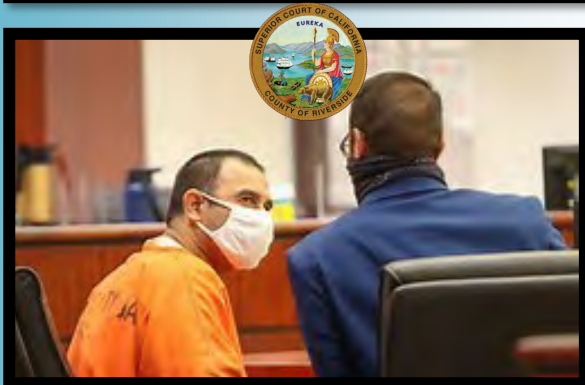
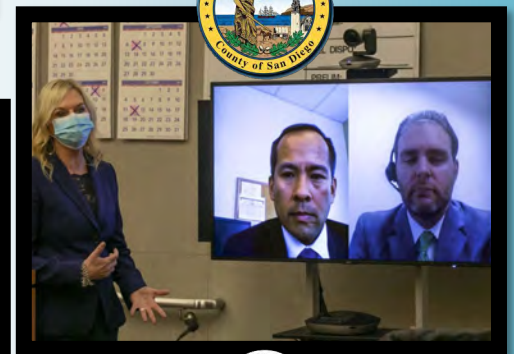
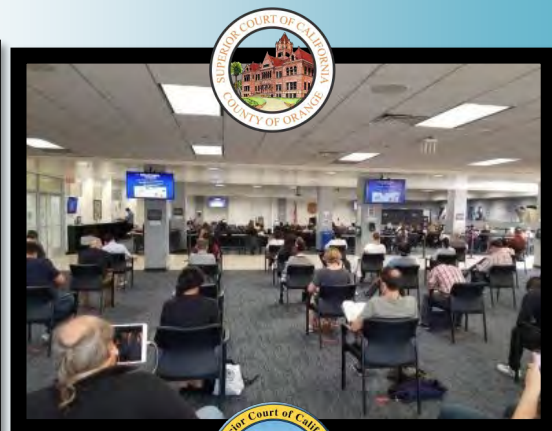
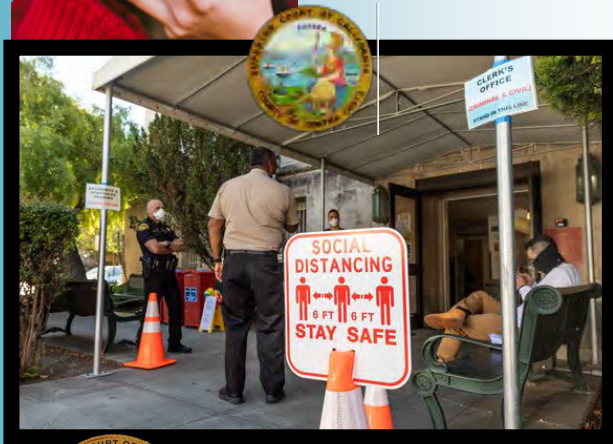




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DMV Self-Serve Services

Renew your Vehicle Registration (simple)
Request your Driver Record
Request your Vehicle Record
Renew your Driver License or ID Card
File for Planned Non-Operation
Request Replacement Sticker or Registration Card
Request a Duplicate Driver License
Pay \$14 Reinstatement Fee for Suspended Registration
Complete a Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability
Find a Traffic School
Add/Remove Affidavit of Non-Use
Order Special Interest or Personalized Plates
Change your Address
Calculate Estimates of Vehicle Registration/Licensing Fees

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Unluckiest Criminals

Robbery Suspect who steals iPhone gets caught by iPhone GPS

A San Francisco thief pedaled his bike up to a woman on the sidewalk, snatched the iPhone out of her hands, and rode away. Unknown to him, the woman was in the middle of demonstrating the iPhone's new GPS tracking device, which worked—the thief was captured minutes later. Source: www.sfgate.com



The Word Search

Covid19 Court Operations



Find the following words in the puzzle.
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CONFERENCE
COURT
DIGITAL
EMAIL

HEARING
RECORDS
REMOTE
REQUESTS
TELEPHONIC

VIDEO
ZOOM



Judge: You mumbled on the first part of that and I couldn't understand what you were saying. Could you repeat the question?

Defendant: I mumbled, did I? Well, we'll just ask the court reporter to read back what I said. She didn't indicate any problem understanding what I said, so obviously she understood every word. We'll just have her read my question back and find out if there was any mumbling going on. Madam reporter, would you be so kind?





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