

CALSPRO E-NEWS

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Legal Support Professionals

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As Mike Belote so eloquently said in our last newsletter "One Crummy Year." What started as the roaring 20's turned crummy quickly. However, I am an eternal optimist and feel that we will come out stronger than before COVID-19 and will be

better for it in the future. Zoom meetings, remote workers, face masks, social distancing, to name a few, appear to be with us for the foreseeable future.

We recently heard from a member who was on the fence about renewing their membership saying they don't feel they're receiving value for the membership dues they pay. To me, the value is a no-brainer. Without CALSPRO, we might not even have an industry to consider. Just think about the countless mailing bills over the years we have defeated. Most recently during COVID, there was an emergency bill that, if passed, would have allowed for the electronic service of primary documents. Chad Barger & Mike Belote sprang into action and nipped this in the bud before it had a chance to move forward. That's what CALSPRO is and has been about. Industry insurance that in my humble opinion is worth much more than what our annual dues are. Like the wise Steve Janney has said numerous times over the years, the three most important things about CALSPRO is legislation, legislation, legislation.

San Diego Courts have been reopened since May 26, 2020, with a brief closure last month due to protesters. The clerks have done an amazing job not only catching up on the backlog of documents delivered to court back in March (and earlier), but in keeping up with the onslaught of documents they've received since reopening. The San Diego Recorder's office decided to close its office effective 7-6-20 due to the recent spike in positive COVID cases. They do not have a scheduled date to reopen at the time of the article.

Conference

Jenny & Stephanie have been regularly communicating with the hotel in San Jose. They are keeping in constant contact with your committee chair, Mark Manchester, to keep him apprised of any problems or changes. Our plan, for now, is to move forward with an in-person conference. As we focus on in-person, we are also working on contingency plans for a virtual conference and/or a hybrid conference if needed. In my heart, I feel that we are going to have a virtual conference and plan to make it amazing.

Elections

Cliff Jacobs has agreed to serve as the chair of the nominating committee. Jenny sent out an email with the nominating process. Nominations will be closed on **August 7, 2020**. If you would like the opportunity to serve your association, feel free to contact me directly and I will proudly nominate you. Please make sure to rock the vote!!

Financial

We need your help. COVID-19 has adversely affected our membership renewal process. If you've already renewed, thank you. If you haven't renewed your membership, please take a moment and renew today so we can continue to protect, preserve, and promote your industry. Also, with our newsletter distributed to LPI (formerly LSI) and their 1,300 members, now is a great time to advertise. Contact our home office or Mike Kern at mkern@directlegal.com for details.

Best regards,

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COURT NEWS



During the shelter-in-place order in March, courts throughout California implemented different ways of operating. For example, some courts continued to process filings during this time, although at a far fewer volume than usual, while other courts had completely shut down and were not processing any filings at all.

Below are county court updates for Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties.

OTHER COURT UPDATES:

- Los Angeles Superior Court Civil has increased its Court Transaction Fee to \$2.25 starting July 1
- Kern County Superior Court will require mandatory electronic filing (eFiling) for all Probate case types starting Monday, August 3, 2020

Note: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, many courts continue to operate with reduced services and or hours. As the situation is ever-changing, please always check the [court's website](#) for the latest information.

Orange County Superior Court



The courthouses of Orange County Superior Court are open for limited in-person services. However, members of the public should NOT visit a courthouse unless they have been notified by the Court or they have scheduled an appointment to enter the building for counter services. The Court launched a new online scheduling tool to allow members of the public to self-schedule an in-person appointment at the public counters. [Click Here.](#)

Master Plan to Restore Court Services in Riverside Superior Court

The Riverside Superior Court is committed to protecting the health and safety of our community while performing our constitutional duties. The health and welfare of each judicial officer, employee, attorney, contractor, and member of the public that enters our facilities is paramount in the decisions that are made as the Riverside Superior Court begins to restore services. The Riverside Superior Court is closely monitoring local, state, and federal public health directives related to COVID-19, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and will continue to update the master plan as appropriate. This master plan for restoring services is fluid and will largely depend on policy-setting and guidance from the Judicial Council of California, and local, state and federal officials; therefore, this document will be updated periodically and further refined as the phases in the plan are solidified. [READ FULL PLAN HERE](#)



Proposed Changes to the San Diego Superior Court Rules



Proposed changes to the San Diego Superior Court local rules, with an effective date of January 1, 2021, have been approved by the Court in principle and submitted to the bar for comment in accordance with Rule 10.613 of the California Rules of Court.

Proposed rule changes have been posted to the Court's website and are available for viewing and downloading [HERE](#) -- click on Rules of Court in the list on the left side.

Governor Newsom Announces New Statewide and County Closures

Effective immediately, California closes some indoor business operations statewide and additional indoor operations in counties on Monitoring List for 3 consecutive days.

Statewide indoor closures include restaurants, bars and breweries, wineries and tasting rooms, movie theaters, family entertainment centers, zoos and museums, and cardrooms. County indoor closures include fitness centers, places of worship and cultural ceremonies, indoor protests, offices for non-critical infrastructure sectors, personal care services, hair salons and barbershops, and malls. County closures apply to counties that have been on the County Monitoring List for 3 consecutive days. [Learn more](#) .



MEMBERSHIP

Be sure to view this CALSPro Membership Benefits video highlighting:

- Free Online Webinars
- Weekly Blogs
- New Mobile App
- Website and Vendors
- Area Governor Program
- Legislation * Legislation *
- Annual Conference

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EDUCATION

Know the Basics

We just had another successful CCPS Online Workshop on July 18. Our next one is scheduled for August 22 so please be sure to sign up if you are interested. If you have missed any of our free mini-webinars, be sure to check them out on the **'Member's Only'** page of the CALSPro website.

One of our upcoming free mini-webinars will be on 'Getting Started' which is highly recommended for any new process server or for any staff you may have in your office that is not as familiar with field work. This will focus on the basic knowledge needed to be prepared when going out to serve a paper.

Know the Basics

- **Most legal documents can be served by anyone who is at least 18 years old and not a party to the action.**

However there are the following exceptions:

- ✓ Writs
- ✓ ORAPS/OEXS
- ✓ Pre Judgment Claims
- ✓ A person that serves over 10 papers per year



Note: A judge only has authority to issue a bench warrant if served by a Sheriff, Registered Process Server, or a person specially appointed by the court.

- **Some people are exempt from registration: (B & P 22350)**

- ✓ Private Investigators - his/her employees
- ✓ Attorneys - his/her employees (can only serve in their case)
- ✓ A person that serves 10 or less papers per year
- ✓ Sheriff, Marshal, or Constable*
- ✓ Registered Professional Photocopiers
 - Only for service of subpoenas for the production of records by that photocopier

- **Note:** Generally, people exempt from registration cannot legally serve Writs, Pre Judgment Claims, or ORAPS (unless specially appointed by the Court).

*A California Sheriff may serve all types of Documents.



Click on image above for a sneak peek of some of the material covered in this free mini webinar, as well as in our CCPS Workshop.

Judicial Council Revises Emergency Rule on Civil Filing Deadlines



The Judicial Council approved a revision to emergency rule 9 to adjust deadlines for filing civil cases during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to clarify that the emergency rule also applies to "statutes of repose." Statutes of repose are similar to statutes of limitation but establish deadlines for filing certain civil cases somewhat differently.

SEE COMPLETE NOTICE [HERE](#).



Six Keys To Success

Have you ever wondered how the Warren Buffets and Elon Musks of the world do it? What things do they do to keep their minds sharp, and their bank accounts large? In an article written by Dustin McKissen he explains the six little things you must do to get you on the right path to success.

Success isn't easy — and it certainly doesn't happen overnight, but there are little things you can do every day to ensure that you achieve your professional goals. The world's most legendary leaders, from Elon Musk and Oprah Winfrey to CEOs at Google and Facebook, all view success as a work in progress.

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