

PUBLIC NOTICE

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OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER PRIORITIZATION FOR CRIMINAL FELONY AND JUVENILE CASES

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Anabel Z. Romero Court Executive Officer **SAN BERNARDINO, CA**— Due to a statewide critical shortage of court reporters, the San Bernardino Superior Court (SBSC) will prioritize its official court reporters for use in felony criminal and juvenile cases as required by law.

In accordance with the <u>General Order</u>, beginning on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, SBSC has amended its policy regarding the availability of court reporters as follows:

- Official court reporters will continue to be provided for all proceedings in felony criminal and juvenile cases.
- To the extent additional official court reporters are available for civil matters, they will be assigned in the following priority: (a) civil unlawful detainer cases where possession is an issue; (b) five-year cases; and (c) the oldest civil case.
- Limited civil, misdemeanor, and infraction cases will be electronically recorded pursuant to Government Code section 69957.
- Parties appearing for all other civil case types who want to memorialize the proceedings will need to engage a court reporter at their own expense.

Parties who have received a fee waiver may request an official court reporter pursuant to California Rules of Court, Rule 2.956(c)(2) using Judicial Council form <u>FW020</u>. The form should be filed at least 10 days prior to the hearing or trial. Given the limited availability of court reporters, notice may not be provided until the day of the scheduled hearing or trial.

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