

DEPARTMENT 15
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LAW & MOTION: Law and motion matters are heard Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00. All regularly scheduled motion dates are reserved with the civil calendaring department at (707) 207-7332. Moving papers must be filed within 72 hours of reserving the date. Additional "courtesy" copies of filed documents will NOT be accepted unless the Court specifically requests them.

EX PARTE HEARINGS: Ex parte applications are heard daily at 11 a.m. by appointment through the Judicial Assistant at 561-7809. Applications must be filed at the Vallejo courthouse by noon the court day before the hearing and must comply with State and local Rules of Court. Failure to comply will result in the hearing being removed from the court's ex parte calendar.

TELEPHONIC APPEARANCES: Are permitted through CourtCall, (888) 882-6878, pursuant to Rule of Court 3.670. Please refer to that rule before calling the judge's chambers for permission to appear by telephone. We adhere to that rule, so permission is necessary only for specific hearings. The deadline for setting up a telephonic appearance is 10 a.m. the court day prior to the hearing.

CALENDAR AND DOCKETING INFORMATION: To verify a court date or to confirm that a document was filed, please click the Court Connect button which is found at the bottom or left of most of this website's pages. To confirm that a document was submitted to chambers, please call the civil clerk's office at 707-561-7830.

CONTINUANCES: Requests for continuance of regular hearings must be in writing, with copy to opposing counsel/parties. They may be faxed directly to the Judicial Assistant. Requests to continue trials must be by noticed motion.

TENTATIVE RULINGS AND PRE-GRANTS: Tentative rulings for law and motion and pre-grants for probate hearings are available after 2:00 PM the day before a hearing. You may view the tentative rulings at the Court's website or by calling the tentative ruling line at (707) 207-7331. Counsel and self-represented parties are required to comply with Local Rules of Court 3.14-3.17.

COURTROOM RULES:

1. All attorneys and self-represented parties should check in with the bailiff upon arrival.
2. All witnesses, jurors and prospective jurors should wait in the hall until called in by the bailiff, unless instructed otherwise by court personnel.
3. Cell phones and pagers must be silenced! Any devices making noise that disrupt the proceedings will be confiscated by the bailiff.
4. No shorts, tank tops, bare feet, or other unsuitable attire.
5. No food. Water is allowed only in re-closeable containers.
6. Anyone disrupting the proceedings will be removed from the courtroom.
7. Do not speak to any defendants who are in custody.
8. Do not approach the judge or the courtroom clerks.