## **IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE**

(Pursuant to Government Code section 68106)

## Family Law/Civil/Probate Satellite Office located within the Northern Branch

Many courts statewide continue to face extreme financial challenges due to a third consecutive year of funding cuts from the State. The unprecedented and ongoing reductions in State court funding have necessitated the reduction of over 20% of our court workforce. These significant resource reductions have required us to consolidate operations in order to maintain essential court services and appropriate staffing support in our divisions.

Within the Northern Branch of the Superior Court located at 1050 Mission Road in South San Francisco there is a small satellite office that handles certain family law, probate and civil filings. Effective January 31, 2011 the Superior Court will consolidate and relocate <u>some</u> of the clerk's office services offered at this satellite office. All remaining court divisions and functions at the Northern Branch will continue to be open and operational.

On January 31, 2011, all family law, civil and probate filings previously submitted to the Northern satellite office will need to be submitted to the appropriate clerk's office in the Hall of Justice located at 400 County Center in Redwood City. We will continue to receive and process domestic violence and civil harassment restraining orders at the Northern Branch with those functions being transferred to the Criminal Clerk's Office in the same building. Hearings normally scheduled for the Northern Branch will continue to be heard at the South San Francisco location. The Criminal Clerk's Office will continue to be open from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

This information is also available on our website at <u>www.sanmateocourt.org</u>.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.