

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Pursuant to Government Code section 68106)

FAMILY LAW CALENDARS/SERVICES-NORTHERN BRANCH

Effective November 1, 2012, Family Law calendars will no longer be heard at the Northern Branch located at 1050 Mission Road in South San Francisco. The Wednesday morning OSC/Motion calendar and the Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA) calendars heard on Friday will be heard at the Hall of Justice in Redwood City. Additionally, the Northern Branch Criminal Clerk's Office will no longer accept domestic violence or civil harassment restraining orders for filing. The Family Law Facilitator/Self Help Office will continue to offer a reduced schedule of services at the Northern Branch, as staffing allows.

This change is a result of the unprecedented and ongoing State budget cuts to the trial courts of more than \$1 billion dollars over the past five years. San Mateo County Superior Court's share of these cuts, as approved by the Legislature and the Governor, has been over \$16 million dollars which has necessitated a workforce reduction of approximately 30% of our staff to date.

Effective November 1, 2012 all domestic violence restraining orders must be submitted to the Family Law Clerk's Office, located at the Hall of Justice, 400 County Center-Room B, Redwood City, CA 94063 and all civil harassment restraining orders must be submitted to the Civil Clerk's Office in Room A of the Hall of Justice. Documents may be submitted either in person during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday) or by mail. A drop box will remain available at the Northern Branch outside the Criminal Clerk's Office. Documents submitted in the Northern Branch drop box will be sent to Redwood City the following business day for processing.

The public is invited to comment on these changes prior to implementation. To ensure prompt review and consideration, comments should be submitted electronically through the Court's website at www.sanmateocourt.org (click on "[Invitation to Comment](#)"). For those without easy internet access, comments may be mailed to:

Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo
Attn: Rodina Catalano, Deputy Court Executive Officer
400 County Center - 2nd Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

All comments must be received no later than October 31, 2012.