



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

Hon. Mark R. Forcum
Presiding Judge

Hon. George A. Miram
Assistant Presiding Judge

December 15, 2004

To the Members of the San Mateo County Bar,

Over the past two years, we have met with many of you, either during our lunch meetings at law firms, at Bench/Bar meetings, at Community Law Night, or during other functions. Through our discussions with you, we solicited suggestions and constructive feedback about additional services that the Court can provide to the Bar and the community.

We are happy to report that in the past two years we have incorporated many of your suggestions; a number of those ideas involved creating technological solutions. Among the web-based projects that we have implemented are:

- **Internet access to court information** – In April of this year, we launched Open Access, providing the ability to search case information over the internet at any time, which results in significant time savings to you and your clients.
- **E-delivery – electronic delivery of court files** – On December 10, 2004, we launched the Civil e-delivery component on EZLegalFile. Using EZLegalFile, you can complete civil Judicial Council forms, upload pleadings and other filings, pay the filing fee, and send an entire filing to the Court over the Internet for acceptance. Once the Court accepts the filing, an endorsed copy will be returned to you for service (electronically transmitted cover pages will bear the endorsements on pleadings and other filings). This ability to send files electronically reduces the need to come to Court to file documents and provides the first step towards electronic records and a paperless Court. You can find EZLegalFile easily by accessing the Court's website.
- **CourtNews, An Online Newsletter to the Bar** – To relay critical information to the members of the Bar, we developed CourtNews, a newsletter containing calendar updates, community outreach activities and other important items of interest to you.
- **Website updates and communication** – We are constantly updating the Court's website because it is an effective and helpful form of communication for both the Bar and the community. Additionally, we welcome emails from you anytime: simply click on the webmaster link on the Court's homepage.

As one of the first courts in California to offer e-delivery, we believe that we have created an invaluable service to the Bar and community. We truly appreciate the help that all of you have given to us these past two years.

Sincerely,

Hon. Mark R. Forcum
Presiding Judge

Hon. George A. Miram
Assistant Presiding Judge

