



Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino

PUBLIC NOTICE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: April 12, 2013

**NOTICE OF OPERATION OF ONE COURTROOM IN BARSTOW COURT,
REDUCTION IN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION AND
REASSIGNMENT OF CASES**

The Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, previously noticed its intention to close all courtrooms in the Barstow District and reassign the cases pending in the Barstow District, effective May 6, 2013. Following the announcement of that closure, the Judicial Council of California distributed unused monies from a statewide 2% reserve to courts throughout the state. Of this amount, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, is scheduled to receive one-time, only, funding of approximately \$1.2 million. These funds will allow the Court to maintain operation of the Barstow District on a temporary basis.

There are presently four (4) courtrooms in operation in the Barstow District.

Effective May 6, 2013, one (1) courtroom in Barstow will operate Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week through June 21, 2014, barring any unforeseen additional reductions in court funding. The remaining three (3) courtrooms in the Barstow District will be closed, effective May 6, 2013.

The clerk's office of the Barstow District is presently open 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except court holidays.

Effective May 6, 2013, the public service hours for the clerk's office of the Barstow District will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week, except court holidays, through June 21, 2014, barring any unforeseen additional reductions in court funding.

A drop box is provided to receive documents during the court hours/days the clerk's office is closed.

Effective May 6, 2013, the following case types, presently heard in the Barstow District, will continue to be filed and heard in the Barstow District:

- Traffic infractions
- Non-traffic infractions (e.g. code enforcement, fish and game, etc.)
- Landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer)
- Small claims
- Domestic violence restraining orders
- Civil harassment restraining orders
- Name change petitions
- Petitions for the return of firearms

All other civil unlimited and limited cases, excluding small claims cases, landlord-tenant (unlawful detainer) cases, domestic violence restraining orders, civil harassment restraining orders, name change petitions and petitions for the return of firearms, presently heard in the Barstow District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District - Civil Division, located at 303 West Third Street, San Bernardino, CA, 92415, effective May 6, 2013.

Effective May 6, 2013, all guardianships matters presently heard in the Barstow District will be filed and heard in the San Bernardino District – Criminal, Family Law, Traffic and Probate Division, located at 351 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415.

Effective May 6, 2013, the following case types, presently heard in the Barstow District, will be filed and heard in the Victorville District, located at 14455 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92392.

- Felonies
- Misdemeanors
- Family law
- Adoptions

Parties with existing cases set for hearing on or after May 6, 2013 will be notified by mail of the department to which their case has been reassigned.

The Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, projects a significant deficit after June 21, 2014; and, therefore, the Court will not be able to continue to operate Barstow after that date absent additional funding. During the next 15 months, court leaders will continue to partner with city and county officials and work with state, judicial, legislative and executive branch leaders to identify funding solutions sufficient to maintain appropriate levels of operation for all San Bernardino communities on an ongoing basis.

This notice has been posted on the Court's website www.sb-court.org.