

Case Type Word Search

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FAMILY LAW

PROBATE

CRIMINAL

MENTAL HEALTH

TRAFFIC

JUVENILE

SMALL CLAIMS

Word Search Terms Defined

Case Type:

Please visit the Court's public website at <https://www.sb-court.org/divisions> for more information.

Civil: A civil matter involves a lawsuit in which one party sues another to recover money, real property or personal property, to enforce a contract or an obligation, to collect damages for injury (tort), or to protect some civil right. The California Rules of Court (CRC) and local rules published by each Court in the state are available online to view.

Criminal: The Superior Court has jurisdiction over misdemeanor and felony criminal charges. Misdemeanors are offenses generally punishable by fine and/or county jail term, and felonies are generally punishable by imprisonment in the State prison and/or fines, or even the death penalty. The Court conducts arraignments where accused individuals are informed of the specific charges against them and are advised of their rights

Juvenile: Juvenile Court handles Delinquency cases, in which anyone under the age of 18 (minor) is cited or arrested by a law enforcement agency, as well as Dependency cases, in which a minor is removed from the custody of their parents or legal guardian due to allegations of abuse or neglect.

Family Law: The Family Law Division handles various actions such as Dissolution of Marriage (Divorce), Domestic Partnership, Legal Separation, Nullity, Paternity/Parentage, Guardianships, Child Custody and Visitation, Spousal and Child Support, Domestic Violence or Elder Abuse and Adoptions.

Mental Health: Mental health courts are a type of problem solving court that combine judicial supervision with community mental health treatment and other support services, in order to reduce criminal activity and improve the quality of life of participants.

Small Claims: Small claims court is a special court where disputes are resolved quickly and inexpensively. In small claims court, the rules are simplified, and the hearing is informal. Attorneys are generally not allowed. The person who files the claim is called the **plaintiff**. The person against whom the claim is filed against is called the **defendant**. They are also called **claimants or parties**. You don't need to be a United States citizen to file or defend a case in small claims court. In general, claims are limited to disputes up to \$5,000. However, **natural persons** (individuals) can claim up to \$10,000. Corporations, partnerships, unincorporated associations, governmental bodies, and other legal entities cannot claim more than \$5,000 (https://www.dca.ca.gov/publications/small_claims/basic_info.shtml).

Probate: The Probate Department of the Court handles decedents' estates, trusts, and conservatorships. These matters are filed and heard in the San Bernardino Civil/Probate Division only. The Probate Department also hears petitions to establish fact of birth, death, and marriage as well as elder abuse petitions.

Traffic: If you were cited for a traffic violation, the court will mail you a reminder notice at the address listed on your ticket. Failure to receive the reminder notice does not excuse your obligation to pay it on or before your appearance date.