SUPERIOR COURT COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO 247 West Third Street, Eleventh Floor San Bernardino, CA 92415-0302

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

IN RE:

IMPLEMENTATION ORDER EXTENDING CRIMINAL TRIALS

GENERAL ORDER OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, was closed from March 17, 2020 through May 28, 2020, and only hearing essential, time-sensitive matters in accordance with emergency orders and statewide orders issued by Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, countywide and statewide orders issued by the San Bernardino County Public Health Officer and the State Public Health Officer, executive orders issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, and general implementation orders issued by the court.

Public health agencies, including the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and local county health departments have recommended stringent social distancing measures of at least six feet between people, and they encourage vulnerable individuals to avoid public gatherings and spaces. They have also required businesses to proactively manage social distancing and other safety and health

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measures. The combined impact of these circumstances as well as the ongoing and rapidly escalating guidelines surrounding prevention of the spread of COVID-19 continues to negatively affect the court's ability to provide adequate access to court services and proceedings without substantially compromising the health and safety of judicial officers, court staff, and most importantly, public visitors to our courts. Now that the court has begun progressive reopening of court operations, the court is experiencing substantial practical challenges associated with scheduling and managing criminal jury trials and other criminal-related proceedings.

Pursuant to the Statewide Order executed by the Chief Justice on April 29, 2020, the Emergency Order issued to the court by the Chief Justice on June 11, 2020, and under the authority granted pursuant to Government Code Section 68115 to protect the health and safety of the public, court personnel, and criminal litigants brought before the court, the court HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

The time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial is extended by no more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would expire from June 15, 2020, to September 14, 2020, inclusive. The court may conduct such a trial at an earlier date, upon a finding of good cause shown or through the use of remote technology, when appropriate.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Dated: June 12, 2020

MICHAEL A. SACHS

Presiding Judge of the Superior Court