

1 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
2 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

3 GENERAL ORDER RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY RELIEF
4 AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 68115 BY CHAIR
5 OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL

6 Exercising the authority granted under Government Code section 68115 and the March
7 16th and 18th, 2020 Orders (“Order”) of Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, Chair of the
8 Judicial Council of California, issued in response to the March 15th and 17th, 2020 request for an
9 emergency order made by the Superior Court of Santa Barbara County (“Court”), this Court

10 **HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:**

11 1. For purposes of computing time for filing papers with the Court under Code of
12 Civil Procedure sections 12 and 12a, any dates from March 17, 2020 to March 27, 2020
13 inclusive, are deemed holidays (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(4));

14 2. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16th,
15 2020 to April-15, 2020, inclusive, the Court extends the time periods provided in
16 sections 583.310 and 583.320 of the Code of Civil Procedure to bring an action to trial by not
17 more than 30 days (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(6));

18 3. The Court extends by not more than 30 days the duration of any temporary
19 restraining order that would otherwise expire from March 16, 2020, to April 15, 2020, inclusive,
20 because the emergency condition described in the Order prevented the Court from conducting
21 proceedings to determine whether a permanent order should be entered (Gov. Code,
22 § 68115(a)(7));

23 4. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16,
24 2020, to April 15, 2020, inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time period provided
25 in section 859b of the Penal Code for the holding of a preliminary examination from 10 court
26 days to not more than 15 court days (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(9));

27 5. In cases in which the statutory deadline otherwise would expire from March 16,
28 2020, to April 3, 2020 inclusive, any judge of the Court may extend the time period provided in

1 section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 20 days (Gov.
2 Code, § 68115(a)(10));

3 6. The Santa Barbara Superior Court has closed most courtrooms in Santa Barbara
4 County except the following:

- 5 a. 1 - Criminal Arraignment Court in Santa Barbara at 118 E. Figueroa St.,
6 Santa Barbara, CA
- 7 b. 1 - Criminal Arraignment Court in Santa Maria at 312 E. Cook St.,
8 Santa Maria, CA
- 9 c. 1 - Juvenile Court in Santa Barbara at 1108 Santa Barbara St.,
10 Santa Barbara, CA
- 11 d. 1 - Juvenile Court in Santa Maria at 4285 California Blvd, Santa Maria, CA
- 12 e. The court will make one courtroom available in Santa Maria and Santa
13 Barbara as needed for emergency ex parte temporary restraining orders and
14 other emergency orders.

15 7. All criminal trials currently scheduled on the Court's calendar from March 17,
16 2020 through and including April 3, 2020 will be re-scheduled and notice of a new date will be
17 sent to the parties.

18 8. Criminal cases currently scheduled on the Court's calendar during this period of
19 closures, will be re-scheduled and notice of a new date will be sent to the parties.

20 9. All Civil, Family and Probate matters currently set on the Court's calendar from
21 March 17, 2020 through and including April 3, 2020 will be rescheduled and notice of a new
22 date will be sent to the parties.

23 10. Judge Maxwell is assigned to handle emergency ex parte orders in Santa Barbara.

24 11. Judge Beebe is assigned to handle emergency ex parte orders in Santa Maria until,
25 March 23, 2020 when Judge Staffel is assigned to handle emergency ex parte orders in Santa
26 Maria.

27 12. Parties seeking to obtain emergency ex parte orders are directed to contact the
28 designated department's secretary, who will coordinate with the designated judicial officer.

