

# SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

## NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: (AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

Apple, Inc., Facebook, Inc., Google, Inc., Twitter, Inc.  
Tim Cook, Mark Zuckerberg, & Does 1 to 21

## YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):

Russell Rope

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ORIGINAL FILED  
Superior Court of California  
County of Los Angeles

JAN 28 2016

Sherrin R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk  
By Shaunya Bolden, Deputy

**NOTICE!** You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

**¡AVISO!** Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. **AVISO:** Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

The name and address of the court is:

(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Stanley Mosk Courthouse

111 North Hill Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):

Russell Rope; #1607 POB 1198, Sacramento, CA 95812; (818) 400-5592

CASE NUMBER:  
(Número del Caso):

BC607769

DATE: 01-21-2016

(Fecha)

JAN 28 2016

Clerk, by

(Secretario)

SHAUNYA BOLDEN, Deputy  
(Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)

(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

[SEAL]

## NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

- ☐ as an individual defendant.
- ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):

- ☐ on behalf of (specify):

under: ☐ CCP 416.10 (corporation)

☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation)

☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)

☐ other (specify):

☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)

☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)

☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)

- ☐ by personal delivery on (date):

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address):  Russell Rope #1607 POB 1198 Sacramento, CA 95812 TELEPHONE NO: (818) 400-5592 FAX NO. (Optional): E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): russ@russellrope.com ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Russell Rope	FOR COURT USE ONLY  <b>CONFORMED COPY ORIGINAL FILED</b> Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles  <b>JAN 22 2016</b>  Sherri R. Carter, EXECUTIVE CLERK/Clerk By Shaunya Bolden, Deputy
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF Los Angeles STREET ADDRESS: 111 North Hill Street MAILING ADDRESS: 111 North Hill Street CITY AND ZIP CODE: Los Angeles, CA 90012 BRANCH NAME: Stanley Mosk Courthouse	
PLAINTIFF: Russell Rope  DEFENDANT: Apple Inc., Facebook Inc., Google Inc., Twitter Inc., Tim Cook, Mark Zuckerberg, & Does 1 to 21 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DOES 1 TO 21 Sec Attachment/CD Labeled "Evidence"	
<b>COMPLAINT—Personal Injury, Property Damage, Wrongful Death</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>AMENDED (Number):</b> Type (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MOTOR VEHICLE</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER (specify):</b> Personal Life & Business <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Property Damage</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Wrongful Death</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Personal Injury</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Other Damages (specify):</b> Social/Economic	
<b>Jurisdiction (check all that apply):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>ACTION IS A LIMITED CIVIL CASE</b> Amount demanded <input type="checkbox"/> does not exceed \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> exceeds \$10,000, but does not exceed \$25,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>ACTION IS AN UNLIMITED CIVIL CASE (exceeds \$25,000)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>ACTION IS RECLASSIFIED by this amended complaint</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>from limited to unlimited</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>from unlimited to limited</b>	CASE NUMBER:  <b>BC 6 07 7 6 9</b>

1. **Plaintiff (name or names):** Russell Rope  
 alleges causes of action against **defendant (name or names):**  
 Apple, Inc., Facebook, Inc., Google, Inc., Twitter, Inc., Tim Cook, Mark Zuckerberg, & Does 1 to 21
2. This pleading, including attachments and exhibits, consists of the following number of pages: Files On CD
3. Each plaintiff named above is a competent adult
  - a. ☒ **except plaintiff (name):** Apple, Inc., Facebook, Inc., Google, Inc., and Twitter, Inc.
    - (1) ☒ a corporation qualified to do business in California
    - (2) ☐ an unincorporated entity (describe):
    - (3) ☐ a public entity (describe):
    - (4) ☐ a minor ☐ an adult
      - (a) ☐ for whom a guardian or conservator of the estate or a guardian ad litem has been appointed
      - (b) ☐ other (specify):
    - (5) ☐ other (specify):
  - b. ☐ **except plaintiff (name):**
    - (1) ☐ a corporation qualified to do business in California
    - (2) ☐ an unincorporated entity (describe):
    - (3) ☐ a public entity (describe):
    - (4) ☐ a minor ☐ an adult
      - (a) ☐ for whom a guardian or conservator of the estate or a guardian ad litem has been appointed
      - (b) ☐ other (specify):
    - (5) ☐ other (specify):

☐ Information about additional plaintiffs who are not competent adults is shown in Attachment 3.

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4. ☐ Plaintiff (name): Russell Rope  
is doing business under the fictitious name (specify):

and has complied with the fictitious business name laws.

5. Each defendant named above is a natural person

- a. ☒ **except** defendant (name): Apple, Inc.  
 (1) ☐ a business organization, form unknown  
 (2) ☒ a corporation  
 (3) ☐ an unincorporated entity (describe):  
 (4) ☐ a public entity (describe):  
 (5) ☐ other (specify):

- c. ☒ **except** defendant (name): Google, Inc.  
 (1) ☐ a business organization, form unknown  
 (2) ☒ a corporation  
 (3) ☐ an unincorporated entity (describe):  
 (4) ☐ a public entity (describe):  
 (5) ☐ other (specify):

- b. ☒ **except** defendant (name): Facebook, Inc.  
 (1) ☐ a business organization, form unknown  
 (2) ☒ a corporation  
 (3) ☐ an unincorporated entity (describe):  
 (4) ☐ a public entity (describe):  
 (5) ☐ other (specify):

- d. ☒ **except** defendant (name): Twitter, Inc.  
 (1) ☐ a business organization, form unknown  
 (2) ☒ a corporation  
 (3) ☐ an unincorporated entity (describe):  
 (4) ☐ a public entity (describe):  
 (5) ☐ other (specify):

☐ Information about additional defendants who are not natural persons is contained in Attachment 5.

6. The true names of defendants sued as Does are unknown to plaintiff.

- a. ☒ Doe defendants (specify Doe numbers): 1 to 21 were the agents or employees of other named defendants and acted within the scope of that agency or employment.  
 b. ☐ Doe defendants (specify Doe numbers): \_\_\_\_\_ are persons whose capacities are unknown to plaintiff.

7. ☐ Defendants who are joined under Code of Civil Procedure section 382 are (names):

8. This court is the proper court because

- a. ☐ at least one defendant now resides in its jurisdictional area.  
 b. ☐ the principal place of business of a defendant corporation or unincorporated association is in its jurisdictional area.  
 c. ☒ injury to person or damage to personal property occurred in its jurisdictional area.  
 d. ☒ other (specify):

Los Angeles County is where both damage occurred and the plaintiff resides. The defendants also have offices/business in this county.

9. ☐ Plaintiff is required to comply with a claims statute, and

- a. ☐ has complied with applicable claims statutes, or  
 b. ☐ is excused from complying because (specify):

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10. The following causes of action are attached and the statements above apply to each (*each complaint must have one or more causes of action attached*):

- a. ☐ Motor Vehicle  
 b. ☐ General Negligence  
 c. ☒ Intentional Tort  
 d. ☐ Products Liability  
 e. ☐ Premises Liability  
 f. ☒ Other (*specify*):

See Attachment/CD Labeled "Evidence"

11. Plaintiff has suffered

- a. ☒ wage loss  
 b. ☒ loss of use of property  
 c. ☒ hospital and medical expenses  
 d. ☒ general damage  
 e. ☒ property damage  
 f. ☒ loss of earning capacity  
 g. ☒ other damage (*specify*):

Social Damage

12. ☐ The damages claimed for wrongful death and the relationships of plaintiff to the deceased are

- a. ☐ listed in Attachment 12.  
 b. ☐ as follows:

13. The relief sought in this complaint is within the jurisdiction of this court.

\$42,000,000,000.21 via electronic transfer into plaintiff bank account(s) plus injunctions.

14. **Plaintiff prays** for judgment for costs of suit; for such relief as is fair, just, and equitable; and for

- a. (1) ☒ compensatory damages  
 (2) ☒ punitive damages

The amount of damages is (*in cases for personal injury or wrongful death, you must check (1)*):

- (1) ☐ according to proof  
 (2) ☒ in the amount of: \$ 42,000,000,000.21

15. ☒ The paragraphs of this complaint alleged on information and belief are as follows (*specify paragraph numbers*):

"The defendants are frauds intentionally causing serious damage in their criminal violation of my rights." @ See Attachment/CD Labeled "Evidence"

Date: 1-21-2016

Russell Rope

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)



(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY)



ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address): Russell Rope #1607 POB 1198 Sacramento, CA 95812 TELEPHONE NO.: (818) 400-5592 FAX NO.: ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Russell Rope		<b>FOR COURT USE ONLY</b>  <b>CONFORMED COPY ORIGINAL FILED</b> Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles  <b>JAN 22 2016</b> Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk By Shaunya Bolden, Deputy	
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CASE NAME: Russell Rope vs. The Interweb			
<b>CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Unlimited</b> (Amount demanded exceeds \$25,000) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Limited</b> (Amount demanded is \$25,000 or less)		<b>Complex Case Designation</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Counter</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Joinder</b> Filed with first appearance by defendant (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.402)	

Items 1–6 below must be completed (see instructions on page 2).

1. Check **one** box below for the case type that best describes this case:

<b>Auto Tort</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Auto (22) <input type="checkbox"/> Uninsured motorist (46) <b>Other PI/PD/WD (Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death) Tort</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos (04) <input type="checkbox"/> Product liability (24) <input type="checkbox"/> Medical malpractice (45) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other PI/PD/WD (23) <b>Non-PI/PD/WD (Other) Tort</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Business tort/unfair business practice (07) <input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights (08) <input type="checkbox"/> Defamation (13) <input type="checkbox"/> Fraud (16) <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual property (19) <input type="checkbox"/> Professional negligence (25) <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-PI/PD/WD tort (35) <b>Employment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful termination (36) <input type="checkbox"/> Other employment (15)	<b>Contract</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Breach of contract/warranty (06) <input type="checkbox"/> Rule 3.740 collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Other collections (09) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage (18) <input type="checkbox"/> Other contract (37) <b>Real Property</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Eminent domain/Inverse condemnation (14) <input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful eviction (33) <input type="checkbox"/> Other real property (26) <b>Unlawful Detainer</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial (31) <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (32) <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs (38) <b>Judicial Review</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Asset forfeiture (05) <input type="checkbox"/> Petition re: arbitration award (11) <input type="checkbox"/> Writ of mandate (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Other judicial review (39)	<b>Provisionally Complex Civil Litigation (Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.400–3.403)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Antitrust/Trade regulation (03) <input type="checkbox"/> Construction defect (10) <input type="checkbox"/> Mass tort (40) <input type="checkbox"/> Securities litigation (28) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Toxic tort (30) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance coverage claims arising from the above listed provisionally complex case types (41) <b>Enforcement of Judgment</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement of judgment (20) <b>Miscellaneous Civil Complaint</b> <input type="checkbox"/> RICO (27) <input type="checkbox"/> Other complaint (not specified above) (42) <b>Miscellaneous Civil Petition</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership and corporate governance (21) <input type="checkbox"/> Other petition (not specified above) (43)
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2. This case ☐ is ☒ is not complex under rule 3.400 of the California Rules of Court. If the case is complex, mark the factors requiring exceptional judicial management:
- |  |  |
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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of separately represented parties   | d. <input type="checkbox"/> Large number of witnesses  |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive motion practice raising difficult or novel issues that will be time-consuming to resolve | e. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordination with related actions pending in one or more courts in other counties, states, or countries, or in a federal court |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial amount of documentary evidence   | f. <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial postjudgment judicial supervision  |
3. Remedies sought (check all that apply): a. ☒ monetary    b. ☒ nonmonetary; declaratory or injunctive relief    c. ☒ punitive
4. Number of causes of action (specify): Intentional Tort
5. This case ☐ is ☒ is not a class action suit.
6. If there are any known related cases, file and serve a notice of related case. (You may use form CM-015.)

Date: 1-21-2016  
 Russell Rope

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

(SIGNATURE OF PARTY OR ATTORNEY FOR PARTY)

### NOTICE

- Plaintiff must file this cover sheet with the first paper filed in the action or proceeding (except small claims cases or cases filed under the Probate Code, Family Code, or Welfare and Institutions Code). (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 3.220.) Failure to file may result in sanctions.
- File this cover sheet in addition to any cover sheet required by local court rule.
- If this case is complex under rule 3.400 et seq. of the California Rules of Court, you must serve a copy of this cover sheet on all other parties to the action or proceeding.
- Unless this is a collections case under rule 3.740 or a complex case, this cover sheet will be used for statistical purposes only.

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**CIVIL CASE COVER SHEET ADDENDUM AND  
STATEMENT OF LOCATION  
(CERTIFICATE OF GROUNDS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO COURTHOUSE LOCATION)**

This form is required pursuant to Local Rule 2.3 in all new civil case filings in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

**Item I.** Check the types of hearing and fill in the estimated length of hearing expected for this case:

JURY TRIAL? ☒ YES

CLASS ACTION? YES

LIMITED CASE? YES

TIME ESTIMATED FOR TRIAL NA

HOURS/ DAYS

**Item II.** Indicate the correct district and courthouse location (4 steps – If you checked “Limited Case”, skip to Item III, Pg. 4):

**Step 1:** After first completing the Civil Case Cover Sheet form, find the main Civil Case Cover Sheet heading for your case in the left margin below, and, to the right in Column **A**, the Civil Case Cover Sheet case type you selected.

**Step 2:** Check one Superior Court type of action in Column **B** below which best describes the nature of this case.

**Step 3:** In Column **C**, circle the reason for the court location choice that applies to the type of action you have checked. For any exception to the court location, see Local Rule 2.3.

**Applicable Reasons for Choosing Courthouse Location (see Column C below)**

1. Class actions must be filed in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, central district.
2. May be filed in central (other county, or no bodily injury/property damage).
3. Location where cause of action arose.
4. Location where bodily injury, death or damage occurred.
5. Location where performance required or defendant resides.
6. Location of property or permanently garaged vehicle.
7. Location where petitioner resides.
8. Location wherein defendant/respondent functions wholly.
9. Location where one or more of the parties reside.
10. Location of Labor Commissioner Office
11. Mandatory Filing Location (Hub Case)

**Step 4:** Fill in the information requested on page 4 in Item III; complete Item IV. Sign the declaration.

	<b>A</b> Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	<b>B</b> Type of Action (Check only one)	<b>C</b> Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
<b>Auto Tort</b>	Auto (22)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7100 Motor Vehicle - Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1., 2., 4.
	Uninsured Motorist (46)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured Motorist	1., 2., 4.
<b>Other Personal Injury/ Property Damage/ Wrongful Death Tort</b>	Asbestos (04)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6070 Asbestos Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> A7221 Asbestos - Personal Injury/Wrongful Death	2. 2.
	Product Liability (24)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)	1., 2., 3., 4., 8.
	Medical Malpractice (45)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7210 Medical Malpractice - Physicians & Surgeons <input type="checkbox"/> A7240 Other Professional Health Care Malpractice	1., 4. 1., 4.
	Other Personal Injury Property Damage Wrongful Death (23)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall) <input type="checkbox"/> A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g., assault, vandalism, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> A7270 Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress	1., 4. 1., 4. 1., 3.
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death	1., 4.

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	A Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	B Type of Action (Check only one)	C Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above
Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death Tort	Business Tort (07)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6029 Other Commercial/Business Tort (not fraud/breach of contract)	1., 3.
	Civil Rights (08)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6005 Civil Rights/Discrimination	1., 2., 3.
	Defamation (13)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6010 Defamation (slander/libel)	1., 2., 3.
	Fraud (16)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6013 Fraud (no contract)	1., 2., 3.
	Professional Negligence (25)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6017 Legal Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> A6050 Other Professional Malpractice (not medical or legal)	1., 2., 3. 1., 2., 3.
	Other (35)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6025 Other Non-Personal Injury/Property Damage tort	2., 3.
Employment	Wrongful Termination (36)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6037 Wrongful Termination	1., 2., 3.
	Other Employment (15)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6024 Other Employment Complaint Case <input type="checkbox"/> A6109 Labor Commissioner Appeals	1., 2., 3. 10.
Contract	Breach of Contract/ Warranty (06) (not insurance)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6004 Breach of Rental/Lease Contract (not unlawful detainer or wrongful eviction) <input type="checkbox"/> A6008 Contract/Warranty Breach -Seller Plaintiff (no fraud/negligence) <input type="checkbox"/> A6019 Negligent Breach of Contract/Warranty (no fraud) <input type="checkbox"/> A6028 Other Breach of Contract/Warranty (not fraud or negligence)	2., 5. 2., 5. 1., 2., 5. 1., 2., 5.
	Collections (09)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6002 Collections Case-Seller Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> A6012 Other Promissory Note/Collections Case <input type="checkbox"/> A6034 Collections Case-Purchased Debt (Charged Off Consumer Debt Purchased on or after January 1, 2014)	2., 5., 6, 11 2., 5, 11 5, 6, 11
	Insurance Coverage (18)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6015 Insurance Coverage (not complex)	1., 2., 5., 8.
	Other Contract (37)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6009 Contractual Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> A6031 Tortious Interference <input type="checkbox"/> A6027 Other Contract Dispute(not breach/insurance/fraud/negligence)	1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 5. 1., 2., 3., 8.
	Eminent Domain/Inverse Condemnation (14)	<input type="checkbox"/> A7300 Eminent Domain/Condemnation      Number of parcels_____	2.
	Wrongful Eviction (33)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6023 Wrongful Eviction Case	2., 6.
Real Property	Other Real Property (26)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6018 Mortgage Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> A6032 Quiet Title <input type="checkbox"/> A6060 Other Real Property (not eminent domain, landlord/tenant, foreclosure)	2., 6. 2., 6. 2., 6.
	Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (31)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6021 Unlawful Detainer-Commercial (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
	Unlawful Detainer-Residential (32)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6020 Unlawful Detainer-Residential (not drugs or wrongful eviction)	2., 6.
Unlawful Detainer	Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure (34)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6020F Unlawful Detainer-Post-Foreclosure	2., 6.
	Unlawful Detainer-Drugs (38)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6022 Unlawful Detainer-Drugs	2., 6.

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	<b>A</b> Civil Case Cover Sheet Category No.	<b>B</b> Type of Action (Check only one)	<b>C</b> Applicable Reasons - See Step 3 Above		
Judicial Review	Asset Forfeiture (05)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6108 Asset Forfeiture Case	2., 6.		
	Petition re Arbitration (11)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6115 Petition to Compel/Confirm/Vacate Arbitration	2., 5.		
	Writ of Mandate (02)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6151 Writ - Administrative Mandamus <input type="checkbox"/> A6152 Writ - Mandamus on Limited Court Case Matter <input type="checkbox"/> A6153 Writ - Other Limited Court Case Review	2., 8. 2. 2.		
	Other Judicial Review (39)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6150 Other Writ /Judicial Review	2., 8.		
	Provisionally Complex Litigation	Antitrust/Trade Regulation (03)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6003 Antitrust/Trade Regulation	1., 2., 8.	
Construction Defect (10)		<input type="checkbox"/> A6007 Construction Defect	1., 2., 3.		
Claims Involving Mass Tort (40)		<input type="checkbox"/> A6006 Claims Involving Mass Tort	1., 2., 8.		
Securities Litigation (28)		<input type="checkbox"/> A6035 Securities Litigation Case	1., 2., 8.		
Toxic Tort Environmental (30)		<input type="checkbox"/> A6036 Toxic Tort/Environmental	1., 2., 3., 8.		
Insurance Coverage Claims from Complex Case (41)		<input type="checkbox"/> A6014 Insurance Coverage/Subrogation (complex case only)	1., 2., 5., 8.		
Enforcement of Judgment	Enforcement of Judgment (20)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6141 Sister State Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> A6160 Abstract of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> A6107 Confession of Judgment (non-domestic relations) <input type="checkbox"/> A6140 Administrative Agency Award (not unpaid taxes) <input type="checkbox"/> A6114 Petition/Certificate for Entry of Judgment on Unpaid Tax <input type="checkbox"/> A6112 Other Enforcement of Judgment Case	2., 9. 2., 6. 2., 9. 2., 8. 2., 8. 2., 8., 9.		
	RICO (27)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6033 Racketeering (RICO) Case	1., 2., 8.		
	Miscellaneous Civil Complaints	Other Complaints (Not Specified Above) (42)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6030 Declaratory Relief Only <input type="checkbox"/> A6040 Injunctive Relief Only (not domestic/harassment) <input type="checkbox"/> A6011 Other Commercial Complaint Case (non-tort/non-complex) <input type="checkbox"/> A6000 Other Civil Complaint (non-tort/non-complex)	1., 2., 8. 2., 8. 1., 2., 8. 1., 2., 8.	
		Partnership Corporation Governance (21)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6113 Partnership and Corporate Governance Case	2., 8.	
		Miscellaneous Civil Petitions	Other Petitions (Not Specified Above) (43)	<input type="checkbox"/> A6121 Civil Harassment <input type="checkbox"/> A6123 Workplace Harassment <input type="checkbox"/> A6124 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse Case <input type="checkbox"/> A6190 Election Contest <input type="checkbox"/> A6110 Petition for Change of Name <input type="checkbox"/> A6170 Petition for Relief from Late Claim Law <input type="checkbox"/> A6100 Other Civil Petition	2., 3., 9. 2., 3., 9. 2., 3., 9. 2. 2., 7. 2., 3., 4., 8. 2., 9.

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**Item III. Statement of Location:** Enter the address of the accident, party's residence or place of business, performance, or other circumstance indicated in Item II., **Step 3** on Page 1, as the proper reason for filing in the court location you selected.

<b>REASON: Check the appropriate boxes for the numbers shown under Column C for the type of action that you have selected for this case.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> 2. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> 6. <input type="checkbox"/> 7. <input type="checkbox"/> 8. <input type="checkbox"/> 9. <input type="checkbox"/> 10. <input type="checkbox"/> 11.			ADDRESS: Los Angeles County  CA SoS Confidential Mailing Address: #1607 oOB 1198 Sacramento, CA 95812
CITY: Los Angeles	STATE: CA	ZIP CODE: 90068	

**Item IV. Declaration of Assignment:** I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that the above-entitled matter is properly filed for assignment to the Stanley Mosk courthouse in the Central Judicial District of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles [Code Civ. Proc., § 392 et seq., and Local Rule 2.3, subd.(a)].

Dated: 01-21-2016

  
 (SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY/FILING PARTY)

**PLEASE HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS COMPLETED AND READY TO BE FILED IN ORDER TO PROPERLY COMMENCE YOUR NEW COURT CASE:**

1. Original Complaint or Petition.
2. If filing a Complaint, a completed Summons form for issuance by the Clerk.
3. Civil Case Cover Sheet, Judicial Council form CM-010.
4. Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and Statement of Location form, LACIV 109, LASC Approved 03-04 (Rev. 03/15).
5. Payment in full of the filing fee, unless fees have been waived.
6. A signed order appointing the Guardian ad Litem, Judicial Council form CIV-010, if the plaintiff or petitioner is a minor under 18 years of age will be required by Court in order to issue a summons.
7. Additional copies of documents to be conformed by the Clerk. Copies of the cover sheet and this addendum must be served along with the summons and complaint, or other initiating pleading in the case.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Case No.:  
In re Personal Injury Cases Assigned to the )  
Personal Injury Courts (Departments 91, 92,) FIFTH AMENDED GENERAL ORDER RE  
93, 97, and 98) ) PERSONAL INJURY COURT ("PI Court")  
PROCEDURES (Effective as of September  
28, 2015)

**DEPARTMENT:**      91      92      93      97      98

**FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE ("FSC"):**

- Date: \_\_\_\_\_ at 10:00 a.m.

**TRIAL:**

- Date: \_\_\_\_\_ at 8:30 a.m.

**OSC re DISMISSAL (Code Civ. Proc., § 583.210):**

- Date: \_\_\_\_\_ at 8:30 a.m.

TO EACH PARTY AND TO THE ATTORNEY OF RECORD FOR EACH PARTY:

Pursuant to the California Code of Civil Procedure ("C.C.P."), the California Rules of Court, and the Los Angeles County Court Rules ("Local Rules"), the Los Angeles Superior Court ("LASC" or "Court") HEREBY AMENDS AND SUPERSEDES ITS January 26, 2015 AMENDED GENERAL ORDER AND

1 **GENERALLY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS IN THIS AND ALL OTHER GENERAL**  
2 **JURISDICTION PERSONAL INJURY ACTIONS:**

3 Effective March 18, 2013, the Court responded to systemic budget reductions by  
4 centralizing the management of more than 18,000 general jurisdiction personal injury cases  
5 in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse. LASC opened three Personal Injury Courts ("PI Courts")  
6 (Departments 91, 92 and 93), and on January 6, 2014, a fourth (Department 97) to adjudicate  
7 all pretrial matters for these cases. It also established a Master Calendar Court (Department  
8 One), to manage the assignment of trials to dedicated Trial Courts located countywide. Prior  
9 Amended General Orders laid out the basic procedures for the PI Courts' management of  
10 pretrial matters. The parties will find additional information about the PI Courts on the  
11 court's website, *www.lacourt.org*.  
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13 1. To ensure proper assignment to a PI Court, Plaintiff(s) must carefully fill out the Civil  
14 Case Cover Sheet Addendum (form LACIV 109). The Court defines "personal injury" as:

15 "an unlimited civil case described on the Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum and  
16 Statement of Location (LACIV 109) as Motor Vehicle-Personal Injury/Property  
17 Damage/Wrongful Death; Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death-  
18 Uninsured Motorist; Product Liability (other than asbestos or  
19 toxic/environmental); Medical Malpractice-Physicians & Surgeons; Other  
20 Professional Health Care Malpractice; Premises Liability; Intentional Bodily  
21 Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death; or Other Personal Injury/Property  
22 Damage/Wrongful Death. An action for intentional infliction of emotional  
23 distress, defamation, civil rights/discrimination, or malpractice (other than  
24 medical malpractice), is not included in this definition. An action for injury to  
25 real property is not included in this definition." Local Rule 2.3(a)(1)(A).  
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1 The Court will assign a case to the PI Courts if plaintiff(s) check any of the following  
2 boxes in the Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum:

- 3 ☐ A7100 Motor Vehicle – Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful  
4 Death  
5 ☐ A7110 Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death – Uninsured  
6 Motorist  
7 ☐ A7260 Product Liability (not asbestos or toxic/environmental)  
8 ☐ A7210 Medical Malpractice – Physicians & Surgeons  
9 ☐ A7240 Medical Malpractice – Other Professional Health Care Malpractice  
10 ☐ A7250 Premises Liability (e.g., slip and fall)  
11 ☐ A7230 Intentional Bodily Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death (e.g.,  
12 assault, vandalism etc.)  
13 ☐ A7220 Other Personal Injury/Property Damage/Wrongful Death  
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15 The Court will not assign cases to the PI Courts if plaintiff(s) check any boxes  
16 elsewhere in the Civil Case Cover Sheet Addendum (any boxes on pages two and  
17 three of that form).  
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20 2. The Court sets the above dates in this action in the PI Court circled above  
21 (Department 91, 92, 93, 97, or 98) at the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 North Hill Street,  
22 Los Angeles, CA 90012. Cal. Rules of Court, Rules 3.714(b)(3), 3.729.

23 **SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT**

24 3. Plaintiff(s) shall serve the summons and complaint in this action upon defendant(s)  
25 as soon as possible but no later than three years from the date when the complaint is filed.  
26 C. C. P. § 583.210, subd. (a). On the OSC re Dismissal date noted above, the PI Court will  
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1 dismiss **the action and/or** all unserved parties unless the plaintiff(s) show cause why the  
2 action or the unserved parties should not be dismissed. C.C.P. §§ 583.250; 581, subd. (b)(4).

3 4. The Court sets the above trial and FSC dates on condition that plaintiff(s) effectuate  
4 service on defendant(s) of the summons and complaint within six months of filing the  
5 complaint.

6 5. The PI Court will dismiss the case without prejudice pursuant to C.C.P. § 581 when  
7 no party appears for trial.  
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9 **STIPULATIONS TO CONTINUE TRIAL**

10 6. Provided that all parties agree (and there is no violation of the “five-year rule,” C.C.P.  
11 § 583.310), the parties may advance or continue any trial date in the PI Courts without  
12 showing good cause or articulating any reason or justification for the change. To continue or  
13 advance a trial date, the parties (or their counsel of record) should jointly execute and file (in  
14 Room 102 of the Stanley Mosk Courthouse; fee required) a Stipulation to Continue Trial,  
15 FSC and Related Motion/Discovery Dates (form available on the court’s website, Personal  
16 Injury Court link). The PI Courts schedule FSCs for 10:00 a.m., eight (8) court days before  
17 the trial date. Parties seeking to continue the trial and FSC dates shall file the Stipulation at  
18 least eight court days before the FSC date. Parties seeking to advance the trial and FSC  
19 dates shall file the Stipulation at least eight court days before the proposed advanced FSC  
20 date. Code Civ. Proc., § 595.2; Govt. Code § 70617, subd. (c)(2). In selecting a new trial  
21 date, parties should avoid setting on any Monday, or the Tuesday following a court holiday.  
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23 **NO CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES**

24 7. The PI Courts do not conduct Case Management Conferences. The parties need not  
25 file a Case Management Statement.  
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3 **LAW AND MOTION**

4 **ANY DOCUMENTS WITH DECLARATIONS AND/OR EXHIBITS MUST BE**  
5 **TABBED. CRC §3.1110(f)**

6 **ALL DEPOSITION EXCERPTS REFERENCED IN BRIEFS MUST BE MARKED**  
7 **ON THE TRANSCRIPTS ATTACHED AS EXHIBITS. CRC §3.1116(c)**

8 *If your filing is not tabbed or depositions are not marked, do not file without the*  
9 *tabs or marked depositions unless today is the last day for filing. If so, you must*  
10 *file a tabbed/marked copy with the clerk in the department where your motion will*  
11 *be heard within 2 court days.*

12 **Chambers Copies Required**

13 8. In addition to filing original motion papers in Room 102 of the Stanley Mosk  
14 Courthouse, the parties must deliver, directly to the PI Court courtrooms, an extra copy  
15 (marked "Chambers Copy") of reply briefs and all other motion papers filed less than seven  
16 (7) court days before a hearing calendared in the PI Courts. The PI Courts also strongly  
17 encourage the parties filing and opposing lengthy motions, such as motions for summary  
18 judgment/adjudication, to submit one or more three-ring binders organizing the Chambers  
19 Copies behind tabs.

20 **Reservation of Hearing Date**

21 9. Parties are directed to reserve hearing dates for motions in the PI Courts using the  
22 Court Reservation System (CRS) available online at [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org) (link on homepage).  
23 After reserving a motion hearing date, the reservation requestor must submit the papers for  
24 filing with the reservation receipt number printed on the face page of the document under the  
25 caption and attach the reservation receipt as the last page. Parties or counsel who are unable  
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1 to utilize the online CRS may reserve a motion hearing date by calling the PI Court  
2 courtroom, Monday through Friday, between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

3 **Withdrawal of Motion**

4 10. California Rules of Court, Rule 3.1304(b) requires a moving party to notify the court  
5 immediately if a matter will not be heard on the scheduled date. In keeping with that rule, the  
6 PI Courts urge parties who amend pleadings in response to demurrers to file amended  
7 pleadings before the date when opposition to the demurrer is due so that the PI Courts do not  
8 needlessly prepare tentative rulings on demurrers.

9 **Discovery Motions**

10 11. The purpose of an Informal Discovery Conference (“IDC”) is to assist the parties to  
11 resolve and/or narrow the scope of discovery disputes. Lead trial counsel on each side, or  
12 another attorney with full authority to make binding agreements, must attend in person. The  
13 PI judges have found that, in nearly every case, the parties amicably resolve disputes with the  
14 assistance of the Court.

15 12. Parties **must** participate in an IDC **before** a Motion to Compel Further Responses to  
16 Discovery will be heard, unless, the moving party submits evidence, by way of declaration,  
17 that the opposing party has failed or refused to participate in an IDC. Scheduling or  
18 participating in an IDC does not extend any deadlines imposed by the Code of Civil  
19 Procedure for noticing and filing discovery motions. Ideally, the parties should participate in  
20 an IDC before a motion is filed because the IDC may avoid the necessity of a motion or  
21 reduce its scope. Because of that possibility, attorneys are encouraged to stipulate to extend  
22 the 45 (or 60) day deadline for filing a motion to compel further discovery responses in order  
23 to allow time to participate in an IDC. If parties do not stipulate to extend the deadlines, the  
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1 moving party may file the motion to avoid it being deemed untimely. However, the IDC  
2 must take place before the motion is heard so it is suggested that the moving party reserve a  
3 date for the motion hearing that is at least 60 days after the date when the IDC reservation is  
4 made. Motions to Compel Further Discovery Responses are heard at 10:00 a.m. If the IDC  
5 is not productive, the moving party may advance the hearing on a Motion to Compel Further  
6 Discovery Responses on any available hearing date that complies with the notice  
7 requirements of the Code of Civil Procedure.  
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9 13. Parties are directed to reserve IDC dates in the PI Courts using CRS available online  
10 at [www.lacourt.org](http://www.lacourt.org) (link on homepage). Parties are to meet and confer regarding the  
11 available dates in CRS prior to accessing the system. After reserving the IDC date, the  
12 reservation requestor must file in the appropriate department and serve an Informal  
13 Discovery Conference Form for Personal Injury Courts, from LACIV 239 (revised 12/14 or  
14 later), at least 15 court days prior to the conference and attach the CRS reservation receipt as  
15 the last page. The opposing party may file and serve a responsive IDC Form, briefly setting  
16 forth that party's response, at least 10 court days prior to the IDC.  
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18 14. Time permitting; the PI Hub judges may be available to participate in IDCs to try to  
19 resolve other types of discovery disputes.

#### 20 **Ex Parte Applications**

21 15. Under the California Rules of Court, courts may only grant *ex parte* relief upon a  
22 showing, by admissible evidence, that the moving party will suffer "irreparable harm,"  
23 "immediate danger," or where the moving party identifies "a statutory basis for granting  
24 relief *ex parte*." Cal. Rules of Court, Rule 3.1202(c). The PI Courts have no capacity to hear  
25 multiple *ex parte* applications or to shorten time to add hearings to their fully booked motion  
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1 calendars. The PI Courts do not regard the Court's unavailability for timely motion hearings  
2 as an "immediate danger" or threat of "irreparable harm" justifying *ex parte* relief. Instead of  
3 seeking *ex parte* relief, counsel should reserve the earliest available motion hearing date, and  
4 stipulate with all parties to continue the trial to a date thereafter using the Stipulation to  
5 Continue Trial, FSC and Related Motion/Discovery Dates (form available on the court's  
6 website, PI Court Tab). Counsel should also check the Court Reservation System from time  
7 to time because earlier hearing dates may become available as cases settle or counsel  
8 otherwise take hearings off calendar.

#### 10 **REQUEST FOR TRANSFER TO INDEPENDENT CALENDAR DEPARTMENT**

11 16. Parties seeking to transfer a case from a PI Court to an Independent Calendar ("I/C")  
12 Court shall file (in Room 102 of the Stanley Mosk Courthouse) and serve the Court's  
13 "Motion to Transfer Complicated Personal Injury Case to Independent Calendar Court"  
14 (form available on the Court's website, PI Courts link). The PI Courts will transfer a matter  
15 to an I/C Court if the case is not a "Personal Injury" case as defined in the General Order re  
16 General Jurisdiction PI Cases, or if it is "complicated." In determining whether a personal  
17 injury case is "complicated" the PI Courts will consider, among other things, the number of  
18 pretrial hearings or the complexity of issues presented.

20 17. Parties opposing a motion to transfer have five court days to file (in Room 102) an  
21 Opposition (using the same Motion to Transfer form).

22 18. The PI Courts will not conduct a hearing on any Motion to Transfer to I/C Court.  
23 Although the parties may stipulate to transfer a case to an Independent Calendar Department,  
24 the PI Courts will make an independent determination whether to transfer the case or not.

#### 26 **GENERAL ORDER – FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE**

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2 **2. TRIAL DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED**

3 At least five calendar days prior to the Final Status Conference, the parties/counsel shall serve  
4 and file (in Room 102 of the Stanley Mosk Courthouse) the following Trial Readiness  
5 Documents:

6 **A. TRIAL BRIEFS (OPTIONAL)**

7 Each party/counsel may file, but is not required to file, a trial brief succinctly identifying:

- 8 (1) the claims and defenses subject to litigation;  
9 (2) the major legal issues (with supporting points and authorities);  
10 (3) the relief claimed and calculation of damages sought; and  
11 (4) any other information that may assist the court at trial.  
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13 **B. MOTIONS *IN LIMINE***

14 Before filing motions *in limine*, the parties/counsel shall comply with the statutory notice  
15 provisions of Code of Civil Procedure ("C.C.P.") Section 1005 and the requirements of Los  
16 Angeles County Court Rule ("Local Rule") 3.57(a). The caption of each motion *in limine* shall  
17 concisely identify the evidence that the moving party seeks to preclude. Parties filing more than  
18 one motion *in limine* shall number them consecutively. Parties filing opposition and reply papers  
19 shall identify the corresponding motion number in the caption of their papers.

20 **C. JOINT STATEMENT TO BE READ TO THE JURY**

21 For jury trials, the parties/counsel shall work together to prepare and file a joint written statement  
22 of the case for the court to read to the jury. Local Rule 3.25(i)(4).  
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1 19. Parties shall comply with the requirements of the PI Courts' "Amended General  
2 Order – Final Status Conference," which shall be served with the summons and complaint.

3 **JURY FEES**

4 20. Parties must pay jury fees no later than 365 calendar days after the filing of the initial  
5 complaint. (Code Civ. Proc., § 631, subds. (b) and (c).)

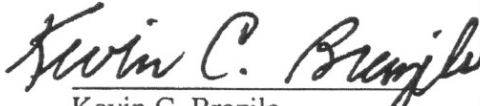
6 **JURY TRIALS**

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8 21. The PI Courts do not conduct jury trials. On the trial date, a PI Court will transfer the  
9 case to the Master Calendar Court in Department One in the Stanley Mosk Courthouse.  
10 Department One assigns cases out for trial to dedicated Trial Courts.

11 **SANCTIONS**

12 21. The Court has discretion to impose sanctions for any violation of this general order.  
13 (C.C.P. §§ 128.7, 187 and Gov. Code, § 68608, subd. (b).)

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15 Dated: SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

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18 Kevin C. Brazile  
19 Supervising Judge, Civil  
20 Los Angeles Superior Court  
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BY C. CASAREZ, DEPUTY

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CENTRAL DISTRICT

In re Personal Injury Cases Assigned to the ) Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Personal Injury Courts (Departments 91, 92, )  
93, and 97), ) THIRD AMENDED GENERAL ORDER -  
FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE,  
PERSONAL INJURY ("PI") COURTS  
(Effective as of January 26, 2015)

The dates for Trial and Final Status Conference ("FSC") having been set in this matter, the Court

**HEREBY AMENDS AND SUPERSEDES ITS April 4, 2014 AMENDED GENERAL  
ORDER – FINAL STATUS CONFERENCE AND GENERALLY ORDERS AS  
FOLLOWS IN THIS AND ALL OTHER GENERAL JURISDICTION PERSONAL  
INJURY ACTIONS:**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE FSC**

The purpose of the FSC is to verify that the parties/counsel are completely ready to proceed with trial continuously and efficiently, from day to day, until verdict. The PI Courts will verify at the FSC that all parties/counsel have (1) prepared the Exhibit binders and Trial Document binders and (2) met and conferred in an effort to stipulate to ultimate facts, legal issues, motions *in limine*, and the authentication and admissibility of exhibits.

1                   **D.     JOINT WITNESS LIST**

2   The parties/counsel shall work together to prepare and file a joint list of all witnesses that each  
3   party intends to call (excluding impeachment and rebuttal witnesses). Local Rule 3.25(i)(5).

4   The joint witness list shall identify each witness by name, specify which witnesses are experts,  
5   and estimate the length of the direct, cross examination re-direct examination (if any) of each  
6   witness. The parties/counsel shall identify and all potential witness scheduling issues and special  
7   requirements. Any party/counsel who seeks to elicit testimony from a witness not identified on  
8   the witness list must first make a showing of good cause.

9                   **E.     LIST OF PROPOSED JURY INSTRUCTIONS (JOINT AND**  
10                   **CONTESTED)**

11   The parties/counsel shall jointly prepare and file a list of proposed jury instructions, organized in  
12   numerical order, specifying the instructions upon which all sides agree and the contested  
13   instructions, if any. The Joint List of Jury Instructions must include a space by each instruction  
14   for the judge to indicate whether the instruction was given.  
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16                   **F.     JURY INSTRUCTIONS (JOINT AND CONTESTED)**

17   The parties/counsel shall prepare a complete set of full-text proposed jury instructions, editing all  
18   proposed California Civil Jury Instructions for Judges and Attorneys ("CACI") instructions to  
19   insert party names and eliminate blanks and irrelevant material. The parties shall prepare special  
20   instructions in a format ready for submission to the jury with the instruction number, title and  
21   text only (i.e., there should be no boxes or other indication on the printed instruction itself as to  
22   the requesting party.)  
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1           **G.     JOINT VERDICT FORM(S)**

2     The parties/counsel shall prepare and jointly file a proposed general verdict form or special  
3     verdict form (with interrogatories) acceptable to all sides. If the parties/counsel cannot agree on  
4     a joint verdict form, each party must separately file a proposed verdict form. Local Rule  
5     3.25(i)(7) and (8).

6           **H.     JOINT EXHIBIT LIST**

7     The parties/counsel shall prepare and file a joint exhibit list organized with columns identifying  
8     each exhibit and specifying each party's evidentiary objections, if any, to admission of each  
9     exhibit. To comply with Local Rules 3.52(i)(5) and 3.53, the parties shall meet and confer in an  
10    effort to resolve objections to the admissibility of each exhibit.

11           **3. EVIDENTIARY EXHIBITS**

12    The parties/counsel shall jointly prepare (and be ready to temporarily lodge for inspection at the  
13    FSC), three sets of tabbed, internally paginated and properly-marked exhibits, organized  
14    numerically in three-ring binders (a set for the Court, the Judicial Assistant and the witnesses).

15    The parties/counsel shall mark all non-documentary exhibits and insert a simple written  
16    description of the exhibit behind the corresponding numerical tab in the exhibit binder.

17           **4. TRIAL BINDERS REQUIRED IN THE PI COURTS**

18    The parties/counsel shall jointly prepare (and be ready to temporarily lodge for inspection at  
19    the FSC) the Trial Documents, tabbed and organized into three-ring binders as follows:

20       Tab A: Trial Briefs

21       Tab B: Motions *in limine*

22       Tab C: Joint Statement to Be Read to the Jury

23       Tab D: Joint Witness List  
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1 Tab E: Joint List of Jury Instructions (identifying the agreed upon and contested  
2 instructions)

3 Tab F: Joint and Contested Jury Instructions


4 Tab G: Joint and/or Contested Verdict Forms

5 The parties shall organize motions *in limine* (tabbed in numerical order) behind tab B with  
6 the opposition papers and reply papers for each motion placed directly behind the moving  
7 papers. The parties shall organize proposed jury instructions behind tab F, with the agreed upon  
8 instructions first in order followed by the contested instructions (including special instructions)  
9 submitted by each side.

10 **5. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FSC OBLIGATIONS**

11 The court has discretion to require any party/counsel who fails or refuses to comply with this  
12 General Order to Show Cause why the court should not impose monetary, evidentiary and/or  
13 issue sanctions (including the entry of a default or the striking of an answer).  
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16 Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015

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18 Kevin C. Brazile  
19 Supervising Judge, Civil  
20 Los Angeles Superior Court  
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