

Superior Court of California County of Marin

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Public Notice

The Marin County Judges have adopted an Emergency Local Emergency Rule 8.17D.3.1

Emergency Local Rule: Prospective Jurors' Requests for Hardship Excuse may be Submitted and Considered Prior to the Date of Jury Service
(Modification of Local Rule 8.17D.3)

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- a. In light of the need to ensure the health and safety all individuals who enter the Marin County Superior Court (the Court), the Court has endeavored to limit physical presence in court facilities to the greatest extent possible. Additionally, in order to minimize disruption and inconvenience of members of the public called to jury duty, and to create a more efficient and streamlined jury selection system, the Court hereby enacts this rule.
- b. Requests for Undue Hardship Using Online Services: In order to provide the Court with the required written request to be excused from jury service for undue hardship as described under California Rules of Court, rule 2.1008, subdivisions (d)(1-7), and to allow prospective jurors to request excuse without physically appearing in court, prospective jurors may submit a hardship excuse request prior to the date of service. Prospective jurors may access and submit an electronic undue hardship request form found at www.marin.courts.ca.gov.
- c. Prospective jurors without internet access may call the court at the number designated in the jury summons to request a written hardship excuse form that may be mailed to the court.

- d. Jury summonses will include instructions for prospective jurors to submit hardship excuse requests on-line or by mail prior to the date of service.
- e. Jury Commissioner Decision on requests for hardship excuse: Pursuant to the authority provided in California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 204 and 218, the Jury Commissioner will render a decision on hardship excuse requests prior to the date of service. Jurors who are excused based on the hardship request will be notified of the jury commissioner's decision upon following the confirmation process the evening prior to the date of service as described in the summons.
- f. Sunset of Rule. This rule will remain in effect until 90 days after the Governor declares that the state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic is lifted, or until amended or repealed by the Marin County Superior Court.