

Judge James Herman
Presiding Judge

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**



Darrel E. Parker
Court Executive Officer

To: All Court Users

From: Darrel Parker, Superior Court Executive Officer

Date: February 13, 2015

RE: Temporary Change in Civil Clerks' Office Hours Countywide

The Santa Barbara Superior Court is moving to a modern case management system which will introduce electronic filing of documents (eFiling). On March 16, 2015 we will turn the switch on Tyler Technologies' *Odyssey* case management system. This improvement will significantly reduce the legacy of a paper based justice system. It will be a gradual implementation. Civil, Family Law and Probate/Mental Health will be the first case types to "go live" beginning in March. Juvenile, Criminal and Traffic will follow in the early part of 2016.

In order to prepare Court staff for this transition, we must conduct up to 40 hours of training for some personnel. With vacancies in staffing at 26% or higher, pulling staff members offline for classroom and on-line training is challenging. This challenge results in a necessary modification of Civil Clerk's Office hours and significant reductions in civil courtroom calendars countywide.

To facilitate this scheduling, the Civil Clerk's Offices will be closing from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. each workday beginning February 23, 2015 through March 13, 2015. This will allow us to get all affected staff into the necessary training for a successful launch of the new system on March 16, 2015. Similarly, civil courtrooms countywide will either be dark most afternoons or set minimally to provide courtroom clerks an opportunity to complete the hours of classroom training necessary for them to successfully begin deploying the new system.

This is an historic change for the Santa Barbara Superior Court. I realize that these interruptions are significant and have an impact on the entire legal community. I hope you find that these changes benefit you and the clients you serve. I appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this challenging time.