

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

**** MEDIA ADVISORY ****

COURT CLOSURE DAYS TO BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 2009

The Superior Court of California, County of Alameda will be closed in accordance with the Judicial Council's approval of court closures on July 29, 2009 pursuant to Government Code section 68106.

Wednesday, September 16th, 2009 will be the first court closure day. Court closure days will be treated as holidays for the purposes of transacting judicial business. The following dates are planned court closure days:

- September 16, 2009
- October 21, 2009
- November 18, 2009
- December 16, 2009
- January 20, 2010
- February 17, 2010
- March 17, 2010
- April 21, 2010
- May 19, 2010
- June 16, 2010

The public is urged to check the Superior Court Web site regarding court dates or court business of any kind, including traffic tickets and jury service scheduled for September 16th or any other planned court closure day. The Court's Web site is: www.alameda.courts.ca.gov.

The Judicial Council, along with the Administrative Office of the Courts, has resorted to court closures due to an unprecedented funding reduction of \$393.3 million for fiscal year 2009-2010. In July, the state Legislature authorized the Judicial Council to close the Superior Courts, the Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court for one day per month. The Council designated the third Wednesday of each month as the day for closure. The closures are estimated to produce a statewide savings of more than \$94 million during the remainder of the fiscal year.

The Court recognizes that these closures are inconvenient and painful for the public, government agencies, and court staff. Our objective is to give sufficient time to prepare for these closures and minimize disruption of service to the public.

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