CHAMBERS OF
TARA M. DESAUTELS
Presiding Judge
Department 1

René C. Davidson Courthouse
1225 Fallon Street
Oakland, CA 94612

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

GENERAL DIRECTIVE BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE

DIRECTIVE NO: **2020-05**

SUBJECT: **GRAND JURY REQUESTS TO INTERVIEW COURT MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES IN CIVIL INVESTIGATIONS**

In order to enable the Court to exercise its supervisory responsibility regarding the grand jury's civil investigatory authority:

1. It is ordered that if the grand jury desires to interview any member or employee of the court, the foreperson of the grand jury shall address to the Presiding Judge a sealed written request for the interview of a specified member or employee of the Court that identifies the interviewing grand jurors and specifies all questions to be put to the member or employee of the Court.

2. If any of the interrogatories regard matters beyond the civil investigatory authority of the grand jury then the Presiding Judge may summon the grand jury to Department One and so charge them.

3. If any of the interrogatories regard matters within the civil investigatory authority of the grand jury then the Presiding Judge shall assist the grand jury in obtaining the information or interviewing the appropriate member or employee of the Court.

4. This general directive does not govern any grand jury investigation into criminal conduct.

This directive shall expire on December 31, 2020.

Issued: January 1, 2020

Tara M. Desautels, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda