Superior Court of California

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

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PRESIDING JUDGE

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# SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

# GENERAL DIRECTIVE BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE

**DIRECTIVE NO: 2014-09**

**SUBJECT: WEAPONS SECURITY**

1. **Entry Directives**
Pursuant to the general authority conferred upon the Court under Code of Civil Procedure sections 128 and 187, persons entering any location of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda in which a weapons-screening station is in use must enter through one of the security check points. Such persons may be required to pass through the weapons-screening station and/or submit to a search of their person and belongings.

Persons entering any court location in which a weapons-screening station is not in use are subject to a search of their person and belongings for concealed weapons.

Notwithstanding the above, persons issued proximity cards by the Court, the General Services Agency, and/or the County of Alameda may enter any location of the court by separate entrance controlled by proximity cards.

2. **Prohibition of Entry**
Any person refusing to pass through a weapons-screening station or refusing to submit to a search of their person and belongings will be denied entry into the building.

3a. **Exception to Prohibition of Entry**
The prohibition of entry does not apply to any elected public officer under Article 6, Section 16 [a judge of a court of record] or Article 11 Section 1[an elected county sheriff, an elected district attorney, an elected assessor, and an elected governing body] of the Constitution of California because a general directive cannot create an additional condition of holding office. This exception to the prohibition of entry only applies to elected constitutional officers. This particular exception to the prohibition of entry does not apply to the deputies or assistants of elected office holders, appointed office holders nor employees of the County or Court.

3b. **Exception to Prohibition of Entry for Employees of the Court or County**
The prohibition of entry does not apply to the deputies or assistants of elected office holders, appointed office holders nor employees of the County or Court who display an

employment identification card that is approved by the Alameda County Sheriff and acknowledged by Alameda County Sheriff's Office staff at the weapons-screening station.

4. **Prohibition of Armed Entry**
   Any person in possession of any weapon described in Section 171b of the California Penal Code, or any person in possession of any object reasonably deemed capable of being used as a deadly or dangerous weapon by the Alameda County Sheriff, will be denied entry into the building.

5. **Exception to Prohibition of Armed Entry**
   This prohibition does not apply to peace officers.

6. **Operational Control**
   All weapons-screening stations operations shall be under the direction of the Alameda County Sheriff.

This directive shall expire on December 31, 2014.

Issued: January 14, 2014

Hon. Winifred Y. Smith, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of California, County of Alameda