

Local Rules of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda

Title 5. Family Rules

Chapter 1. General Provisions

Rule 5.66. Emergency rule re proofs of service during COVID-19 crisis

During the COVID-19 crisis, and pursuant to Emergency Rule 3(a)(3), adopted by the Judicial Council of California on April 6, 2020, this rule replaces the requirements for service of process as set forth in rules 5.55, et seq., of the California Rules of Court:

- (1) Attorneys shall accept electronic service on all filed documents otherwise required to be served by mail or in person.
- (2) Electronic service (fax or email) shall suffice for any documents otherwise required to be served by mail or in person. ~~:-~~. The sufficiency of alternative means of service (including service by email, fax, text and social media) will be determined by the Court on a case-by-case basis. The Court will consider evidence of proof of service including read receipt confirmation or fax receipt confirmation.
 - ~~(A) The proof of service shall include the read receipt confirmation of documents served by email.~~
 - ~~(B) The proof of service shall include the fax receipt confirmation for documents received by fax.~~
 - ~~(C) The sufficiency of alternative means of service (including service by text and social media) will be determined by the Court on a case-by-case basis in those cases where it can be established that the responding party lacks access to email or fax.~~

Rule 5.66 amended April 22, 2020; adopted effective April 20, 2020.