

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

## Title 5. Family Rules

### Chapter 1. General Provisions

#### **Rule 5.51. Emergency rule re trials currently calendared in Department 503 during COVID-19 crisis**

The Court will reset all trials calendared for the months of April and May, 2020. Department 503 will develop a protocol and pretrial order to begin conducting trials remotely if and when the Court is assured sufficient staff is available to support such trials.

Even where no trials are being conducted, the judge in Department 503 will be available to conduct informal settlement discussions. Those parties interested in conducting settlement discussions should contact Department 503 directly using the Department 503 email account.

*Rule 5.51 adopted effective April 20, 2020.*