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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County adopts new bail schedules and new and amended emergency Local Rules; issues Invitations to Comment on Local Rules to be effective July 1, 2021.

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The Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) announced today that it has adopted the [2021 Uniform Bail and Penalty Schedules](#) adopted by the Judicial Council of California, as well as a new [2021 Felony Bail Schedule](#), both of which are located on the Court's [Bail Schedules web page](#). The Court also adopted two emergency Local Rules that will become effective on Monday, March 22, 2021: (i) amendments to [emergency Local Rule 4.115](#), which exempt additional firearm-related offenses from the Court's "zero bail" schedule; and (ii) new [emergency Local Rule 5.32](#), which establishes that, in Family matters, the Court will accept electronic signatures on all documents submitted for filing.

In addition, the Court issued Invitations to Comment on the following Local Rules, several of which relate to the Court's eagerly anticipated upcoming launch of a new electronic Civil case management system (eCourt) with e-filing:

- Proposed amendments to Local Rule 1.7 to include requests to record, photograph, or broadcast within a courthouse that are currently governed by [General Directive 2021-29](#).
- Proposed new Local Rule 3.27 providing for permissive and mandatory e-filing in anticipation of the Court's currently scheduled October 2021 "go live" for deployment of the eCourt case management system with e-filing in Civil case types.
- Proposed amendments to Local Rule 3.30 addressing hearing reservations, also in anticipation of the October 2021 eCourt deployment.
- Proposed amendments to Local Rule 3.31 concerning Informal Discovery Conferences.
- Proposed new Local Rule 4.160 concerning the use of CALICO recordings and transcripts in criminal cases, as are currently set forth in [General Directive 2021-27](#).

The Invitations to Comment, as well as the proposed new and amended Local Rules, can be found on the Court's website [here](#) and [here](#). Hard

copies of the proposals are also available upon request by email at [pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov](mailto:pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov) or by phone at 510-891-6012.

The Court welcomes and encourages comments from interested persons. Comments must be received in writing by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 3, 2021. Comments may be sent by email to [pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov](mailto:pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov), or by mail to:

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