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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County expands list of documents that can be filed by fax and drop box, begins accepting filings by mail.

In order to better serve the public during the COVID-19 public closure period, the Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) has expanded the list of documents that it will accept for fax and drop box filing. That list is set forth in amended emergency Local Rule 1.8a, with new document types displayed in blue text.

The Court will also begin accepting all of those same document types if they are sent via mail, or if they were received in the mail since the public closure period began on March 17, 2020. Beginning Monday, April 27, all documents listed in rule 1.8a(c) and (e) that were received via mail between March 17 and April 24, 2020, will be file stamped as of April 27. Going forward, those document types will be file-stamped as of the date the Court receives them in the mail.

The Court is currently evaluating the extent to which it needs to request further emergency relief from the Chair of the Judicial Council under Government Code section 68115, given that the Court's current Emergency Order expires on May 1, 2020. The Court will provide further updates on its plans for restoring services through its COVID-19 web page, Twitter feed, and additional press releases.