

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to health and safety concerns resulting in substantial operational impediments, and the proclamations of states of emergency by federal, state, and local officials, it was determined that the conditions described in Government Code section 68115(a) were met with regard to the Superior Court of Madera County (Court) on seven prior occasions: March 17 and 26, 2020; April 20, 2020; May 15, 2020; July 8, 2020; August 13, 2020; and September 11, 2020. At the request of Presiding Judge Dale J. Blea, orders issued on those dates authorizing the Court to implement certain relief authorized by section 68115(a). Upon the renewed request of Presiding Judge Blea, it is determined that the conditions described in section 68115(a) continue to exist (Gov. Code, § 68115(c)), and it is ordered that the Court is authorized to do the following:

- Hold sessions anywhere in the county, including in correctional and juvenile detention facilities, from October 15, 2020, to November 14, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(1)); and
- Extend the time period provided in section 1382 of the Penal Code for the holding of a criminal trial by not more than 30 days, applicable only to cases in which the original or previously extended statutory deadline otherwise would expire from October 15, 2020, to November 14, 2020, inclusive (Gov. Code, § 68115(a)(10)).

Date: October 13, 2020



Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye
Chief Justice of California and
Chair of the Judicial Council