



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

WYNNE S. CARVILL  
*Presiding Judge*

CHAD FINKE  
*Executive Officer*

**APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE FROM ACCOUNTABILITY**  
GOVERNMENT CODE § 25259.7

The Collections Unit of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda respectfully applies to the Presiding Judge of the Court for a discharge from accountability for the court-ordered debt itemized in Attachment A. The proposed discharge from accountability includes 46,371 accounts for delinquent Traffic infraction cases, totaling \$25,717,392.55, where the balance was referred to an external collection agency and no payment has been made in 10 years or more or the debtor is deceased. The Collections Unit has determined that all reasonable collection efforts have been exhausted and the likelihood of collection does not warrant the expense to continue efforts.

A discharge from accountability does not release the debtor from liability for payment, it simply allows the court to cease accounting for the debt. An accurate accounting of outstanding debt enables the court, county, and state legislature to know the true value of potentially collectable revenue. The \$10 billion in statewide uncollected debt gives the legislature the impression that courts are failing to do their job in collecting revenue, when in fact, a significant portion of that money is uncollectable. The Collections Unit of the Superior Court of Alameda County will do its part in maintaining an accurate accounting of collectible debt by completing a discharge from accountability for uncollectable debt annually.

**VERIFICATION**

GOVERNMENT CODE § 25259.8

I, Melanie Lewis, apply to the Presiding Judge, for a discharge from accountability for the collection thereof and attest that the facts stated in the application and Attachment A are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: 5.31.19

Handwritten signature of Melanie Lewis in blue ink.

Director, Finance Division

**DISCHARGE OF ACCOUNTABILITY**  
GOVERNMENT CODE § 25259.9

The presiding judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, having read and considered the information provided, determines that the request for the discharge is justified and relieves the court from any further responsibility for collecting the discharged debt. This discharge does not constitute a release of any person from liability for payment of any amount owed.

The clerk of the court is directed to enter record of the discharge in the court case record for each debt and to post a copy of the order for discharge on the court's website for a period not less than three weeks.

Date: 6/5/19

  
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Honorable Wynne Carvill, Presiding Judge

Pursuant to GC § 25259.9

Within 45 days after the end of the month in which this discharge is approved, the court shall report to the county the discharge of accountability. The report shall include for each debt discharged: the case number; whether the case is an infraction, misdemeanor, or felony; the amount of the debt discharged; and the number of years since the debt became delinquent.