



**Superior Court of California  
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA**

March 19, 2021

**Notice to Attorneys and to All Interested Parties:**

**Invitation to Comment on Proposed Amendments to Local Rules and Forms**

As required by California Rules of Court, Rule 10.613(g), the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda hereby distributes for public comment the attached proposal to amend Local Rule 3.30.

The proposal also may be viewed [here](#) or [here](#). In addition, a hard copy of the proposal is available upon request by email at [pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov](mailto:pcomments@alameda.courts.ca.gov) or by phone at 510-891-6012.

**Important dates:**

- The last day to comment is **Monday, May 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**
- The proposed amendment takes effect upon approval of the Chair of the Judicial Council or on **July 1, 2021.**

**Text of Proposed Amendments: see attached.**

**Comments must be submitted in writing to:**

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## **Title 3. Civil Rules**

### **Chapter 1. Rules Applicable to All Civil Cases**

#### **Rule 3.30. Law and motion**

##### **(a) Law and motion department**

Law and motion matters are heard in Department 511 in any case that is not assigned to a judge for all purposes or all pretrial purposes under these rules.

##### **(b) Reserving a hearing date**

Any party who desires to have any demurrer, motion, or order to show cause set for hearing must contact the clerk of the department in which the motion will be heard to reserve a hearing date. [Following the implementation of the Court's eCourt case management system, hearing dates for departments must be reserved on the Court's public portal on the Court's website. If an appropriate reservation is not available on the public portal, a party may contact the clerk of the department in which the motion is to be set with regard to reserving a hearing date.](#)

##### **(c) Courtesy copies**

An identical courtesy copy of any paper filed, lodged, or otherwise submitted in support of, in opposition to, or in connection with any motion or application must be delivered to the courtroom clerk assigned to the Department in which the motion or application will be heard. For regular motions, such delivery must be made by noon the court day after the paper is filed, lodged or otherwise submitted. For in limine motions or matters on which the hearing will be two court days or fewer from filing, the courtesy copies shall be delivered the same day as filing. This rule does not apply to administrative records in writ proceedings.

##### **(d) Tentative rulings**

The court adopts the tentative ruling procedure set out in California Rules of Court, rule 3.1308(a)(1). The tentative ruling or notice to appear will generally be available by 4:00 p.m. two court days prior to the scheduled hearing and no later than 3:00 p.m. the court day before the hearing. Unless the court directs otherwise, the court's tentative ruling will be available online or by calling (866) 223-2244. The process for viewing a

tentative ruling online are subject to change. Instructions for access to tentative rulings online can be found at <http://www.alameda.courts.ca.gov/Pages.aspx/Tentative-Rulings>. Whenever a tentative ruling has not been issued, the parties are to appear at the hearing unless otherwise ordered.

*Rule 3.30 amended effective July 1, ~~2021~~ 2018; adopted effective July 1, 2007; previously amended effective January 1, 2010, ~~and~~ January 1, 2015, and July 1, 2018.*