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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA: Superior Court of Alameda County resumes accepting reservations for and setting remote hearings on motions; amends probate emergency rules to clarify that certain proceedings may be handled via remote technology.

In a significant step toward restoring services to the public, the Superior Court of Alameda County (Court) announced today that, beginning Monday, May 18, 2020, it will resume accepting reservations for all civil, family, and probate motions, with the exception of motions in unlawful detainer proceedings, which remain stayed. In addition, the Court will resume remote hearings within available resource and technological constraints. These changes are detailed in amendments to [emergency Local Rule 1.8a](#).

The Court also adopted [emergency Local Rule 7.825](#), which utilizes the authority conferred by the Judicial Council of California through [Emergency Rule 3](#) to clarify that certain conservatorship proceedings that would normally occur in person may, during the COVID-19 crisis, be conducted remotely. The Court amended [emergency Local Rule 7.180](#) to conform to this change.

The Court is pleased to be able to resume these core functions safely and remotely and will provide further updates via press release and through its [COVID-19 web page](#) and [Twitter](#) account.