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LIMITED CIVIL CASE STATUS MEMORANDUM

Request for Trial in a Limited Civil Case

This Guide includes instructions and a sample form. The Guide and related form may be downloaded from:

www.saclaw.org/limited-case-status-memo

BACKGROUND

A [Limited Civil Case Status Memorandum](#) (CV/E-202) is a Sacramento County Superior Court local form that tells the judge that one party is ready for trial, lets the judge know how many hours that party expects the trial to take, and whether the party wants a jury.

When do I use a Limited Civil Case Status Memorandum?

When all parties have answered or been dismissed AND the relevant documents have been processed by the Court, the case is "at issue" (ready for trial). Any time after that, if you are ready to go to trial, you can file (and serve on the other parties) a *Limited Civil Case Status Memorandum* (CV/E-202) to set the trial date.

The *Limited Civil Case Status Memorandum* (CV/E-202) has its own Proof of Service form on the second page. Be sure to have someone who is over the age of 18 and not a named party to the lawsuit complete the Proof of Service.

What do I do if I get one from the other party?

If you agree that the case is "at issue" (ready for trial) and with the rest of the statements by the other party, you do not need to do anything at all. If you have any objections, you have **15 days** to file and serve your own *Limited Civil Case Status Memorandum* (CV/E-202).

You can download [Limited Civil Case Statuses Memorandum](#) (CV/E-202) from the Sacramento County Superior Court's website (www.saccourt.ca.gov).

If you think the case is *not* ready to go to trial, mark "Counter Limited Civil Status Memorandum" and check "Not at issue." In the space that follows, explain *why* you don't think the case is ready to go to trial and what *you* are doing to get the case ready. For example, if the case is not ready because you need to do more discovery, say that, and indicate when you believe your discovery will be completed. You may also wish to request or object to an expedited jury trial, or request or object to arbitration.

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Disclaimer: This Guide is intended as general information only. Your case may have factors requiring different procedures or forms. The information and instructions are provided for use in the Sacramento County Superior Court. Please keep in mind that each court may have different requirements. If you need further assistance consult a lawyer.

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What is an “expedited jury trial” and do I want one?

If a jury trial is requested in a case expected to take under one day, the case will be set for an **expedited jury trial (EJT)** unless one of the parties requests to opt out.

Expedited jury trials can be faster and less expensive, but the parties cannot appeal, and there are other important differences.

If you want to opt out of the EJT Program, check “REQUEST TO OPT OUT OF EXPEDITED JURY TRIAL PROCEDURES” box and attach the Judicial Council form [Request to Opt out of Mandatory Expedited Jury Trial Procedures \(EJT-003\)](#) (bit.ly/ETJ-003). If the other party has requested to opt out, but you want to use the EJT Program, check “OBJECTION TO OPT OUT OF EXPEDITED JURY TRIAL PROCEDURES” and attach the Judicial Council form [Objection to Request to Opt Out of Mandatory Expedited Jury Trial Procedures \(EJT-004\)](#) (bit.ly/ETJ-004).

How do I serve and file the Limited Civil Case Status Memorandum?

Make four (4) copies of your *Limited Civil Case Status Memorandum*. Have someone (NOT YOU) over the age of 18 serve one copy on the other side’s attorney (or the other party, if the other side does not have an attorney). The person who does the service should then sign Page 3 of the original. Staple each of the copies, but leave the original unstapled.

File the original and the other three copies in the drop box at the downtown courthouse at 720 9th St. along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. There is no fee to file this form. You will receive one conformed (stamped) copy back for your records.

What's next?

If neither party objects, the case will be set for trial. If either party objects, or other issues need to be resolved, the Court may set a hearing in the Limited Civil Pretrial Department (currently Department 13) to determine disputed matters.

Short cause civil cases (without a jury) will be set for trial in Department 47 at 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. Expedited Jury Trials will be set for trial in Department 47 at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. All long-cause limited civil cases will be referred to the Court’s [Trial Setting Process](#) (bit.ly/saccourt-trial-setting) according to Rule LC-C of the [Limited Civil Case Program \(LC\) Rules](#) (www.saccourt.ca.gov/civil/limited-civil-program.aspx), which also address arbitration and mediation for limited civil cases.

An **expedited jury trial** differs from a regular jury trial in several important ways intended to streamline the trial:

- All parties **waive the right to appeal**.
- Each side has a limit of 3 hours to present its case.
- A smaller jury means faster jury selection.
- Parties must exchange evidence and make other agreements a few weeks before the trial.

For more information, see the Judicial Council’s [Expedited Jury Trial Info Sheet](#) (bit.ly/ETJ-Info)

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS GUIDE, OR IF YOU NEED HELP FINDING OR USING THE MATERIALS LISTED, DON'T HESITATE TO ASK A REFERENCE LIBRARIAN.

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ATTACHMENTS: FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Sacramento County Superior Court Local Form used in this procedure is:

[*Limited Civil Case Status Memorandum \(CV/E-202\)*](#)
www.saccourt.ca.gov/forms/docs/cv-202.pdf

Download the blank form from this link or www.saccourt.ca.gov.

A sample filled-in form with instructions is available at the end of this Guide.

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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (NAME, STATE BAR # AND ADDRESS):
Doug Defendant
 123 Elm St.
 Sacramento, CA 95814
 TELEPHONE NO. *916-555-1212* FAX NO. (Optional)
 EMAIL ADDRESS (Optional)
 ATTORNEY FOR (NAME): *In Pro Per*

Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento
 720 Ninth Street, Room 102
 Sacramento, CA 95814-1380
 Website: http://www.saccourt.ca.gov

PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: *Peter Plaintiff* NUMBER: *34-2014-12345678*
 DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: *Doug Defendant*

Your name, address, and phone number. "In Pro Per" means you are representing yourself.

Case number.

Names of Plaintiff and Defendant.

LIMITED CIVIL CASE STATUS MEMORANDUM
This form is to be filed ONLY if the case is at issue. Stipulations to arbitration and/or mediation on Limited Civil cases shall be submitted on Local Form CVE-203

CASE STATUS MEMORANDUM
 COUNTER CASE STATUS MEMORANDUM

If you are filing the Memorandum, check "Case Status Memorandum."

Not At Issue
Specify: *Have not yet completed discovery; expected to be completed by 9/1/2016.*

If you are objecting to the other party's Memorandum, check "Counter Case Status Memorandum" and "not at issue," and explain why the case is not yet ready for trial ("at issue").

SHORT CAUSE TRIAL
(Any Court trial lasting 5 hours or less)

If you expect the trial to last 5 hours or less, check here.

EXPEDITED JURY TRIAL
(Pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 37.6)

If you expect the trial to last under a day, and want an Expedited Jury Trial, check here.

REQUEST TO OPT OUT OF EXPEDITED JURY TRIAL PROCEDURES
(Must be accompanied by Mandatory Expedited Jury Trial Program Request to Opt Out of Mandatory Expedited Jury Trial Program)

If you expect the trial to last under a day, but DON'T want an Expedited Jury Trial, check here and attach EJT-003.

OBJECTION TO OPT OUT OF EXPEDITED JURY TRIAL PROCEDURES
(Must be accompanied by Mandatory Expedited Jury Trial Program Request to Opt Out of Mandatory Expedited Jury Trial Program)

If you expect the trial to last under a day, want an Expedited Jury Trial, and your opponent asked to opt out. check here and attach EJT-004.

LONG CAUSE TRIAL
 Jury Trial Non-Jury Trial Estimated time for trial *2 days*

If you expect the case to take more than 5 hours, or you are opting out of the EJT Program, check "Long Cause Trial." Fill in the time you expect the trial to take.
If you checked "Long Cause Trial," and you want a jury trial, check "Jury trial."
You can claim preference (an early trial date) in some cases, such as when one party is elderly or a minor. If you do, check this box and write the civil code permitting the preference.

Is Preference Claimed?
Cite Code: _____

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ARBITRATION

- Plaintiff elects to refer this case to judicial arbitration.
- The case is suitable for arbitration. Specify _____

- The case is NOT suitable for arbitration. Specify _____

- Discovery to remain open 30 days from the date ordered into Arbitration/Mediation.

Use this page to request or object to judicial arbitration, and (if you wish) to request discovery remain open after arbitration/mediation.

If both parties agree to arbitration, you must also file [Stipulation and Order to Arbitration/Mediation - Limited Civil Cases \(CV/E-203\)](#) (www.saccourt.ca.gov/forms/docs/cv-203.pdf) along with this Limited Civil Case Status Memorandum.

For more info on arbitration or mediation in limited civil cases, see Rule LC-B of the [Limited Civil Case Program \(LC\) Rules](#) (bit.ly/LC-Rules).

LIMITED CIVIL CASE STATUS MEMORANDUM
Proof of Service

- 1. I am **over 18** years of age and **not a party to this action**. I am a resident of or employed in the mailing took place.
- 2. My residence or business address is: 456 Sycamore Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
- 3. On (date): 3/14/14 I mailed from (city and state): Sacramento CA
the Limited Civil Case Status Memorandum for Case # 34-2014-12345678

Fill in address of the person who will serve the papers.

- 4. I served the documents by enclosing them in an envelope and (check one):
 - a. **depositing** the sealed envelope with the United States Postal Service.
 - b. **placing** the envelope for collection and mailing following our ordinary business practice familiar with this businesses practice for collecting and processing mail the same day that correspondence is placed for collection and mailing in the course of business with the United States Postal Service in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid.

Fill out the date and location from which the server mails the papers, and your case number.

- 5. The envelope was addressed and mailed as follows (please specify address where item was sent):

Check method of mailing.

Paul Plaintiff
789 Oak Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Name and address of the other party or other party's attorney.

Server signs and dates the declaration after placing the papers in the mail.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California that the foregoing is true and correct.
Date: 3/14/14

Sally Server
(Type or Print Name of Person Completing This Form)

Sally Server
(Signature of Person Completing This Form)