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**NEW CRIMINAL CASEFLOW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE TO BE IMPLEMENTED**

Riverside County Superior Court (court) is pleased to announce that a new criminal caseflow management structure will be implemented this month.

The court has been working with all justice partners in Riverside County to develop a new system that will facilitate the timely resolution of all new and pending criminal cases. A plan has been developed, with input from area justice partners, and approved for implementation on March 17, 2008.

An important component of the new structure is a two-track system with a revised criminal case management process initially running parallel to an ongoing backlog reduction process. The structure will be applied consistently in the court's three regions and seeks to expedite the early resolution of criminal cases. Other important components include the expectation that trials will take place when scheduled, as well as providing the opportunity for defense attorneys to meet with their clients to discuss settlement offers, therefore providing clients with adequate time to consider the offer.

Cases will be assigned to Vertical Calendar Departments that will preside over all calendar appearances for felony cases assigned to that department, except in limited circumstances. The structure also establishes departments focused on "front loading" the case resolution process by allowing experienced counsel from both sides the opportunity to discuss with a judicial officer the just resolution in a given case. The ultimate goal of the new structure is the resolution of a greater number of cases at an earlier stage in the process.

For additional documents related to the new criminal caseflow structure, [click here](#).

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