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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
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GENERAL ORDER 2021-9

RE: EXTENSION OF JURY TRIALS
SUSPENSION

The COVID-19 virus continues as a life-threatening pandemic throughout the world, country, state, and local jurisdictions. In furtherance of its efforts to protect the health and well-being of litigants, attorneys, jurors, the general public, court staff and judicial officers, the Riverside Superior Court (Court) has implemented protocols designed to help protect against spread of the virus. The unprecedented rise in the number of COVID-19 cases has resulted in a dramatic increase in hospitalizations at a rate that threatens to overwhelm the hospital system. In response, Governor Gavin Newsom announced a Regional Stay-At-Home-Order that is applicable once a designated region falls below 15% of ICU bed capacity, which then subjects the counties within the region to the restrictive terms set forth in the Stay-At-Home Order, for a minimum of three weeks. The County of Riverside is assigned to the Southern California Region. On December 6, 2020, the Southern California Region fell below the 15% ICU bed capacity

1 threshold, triggering application of the Order to the County of Riverside. The Southern California
2 Region remains subject to the Stay-At-Home Order.

3 In response to the Stay-At-Home order the Court ordered the suspension of all new jury
4 trials through January 29, 2021. The Court now finds it is necessary to extend the jury trial
5 suspension order. Therefore, all new jury trials are suspended through February 26, 2021. This
6 order is only applicable to jury trials that have not commenced. This order does not affect jury
7 trials that are in progress, which will be addressed on a case by case basis.

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9 This order supersedes and replaces General Order 2020-75.

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12 THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

13 Date: 1/21/21

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17 JOHN M. MONTEROSSO
18 Presiding Judge
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