



# MEMORANDUM

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To: Local Justice Agency Partners  
Members of the Public  
Members of the Napa County Bar Association  
All Other Interested Parties

From: Rick Feldstein, Court Executive Officer

Date: September 26, 2014

Subject: Continuation of Friday 2:30 pm Court Closure  
Court Closure days for fiscal year 2014/2015

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As you know, the state financial crisis has resulted in severe trial court budget reductions throughout the state over the past six years. In addition to closing every Friday at 2:30 p.m., as well as Christmas and New Year's Eve in 2012 and 2013, the court has absorbed these reductions with the cooperation of its employees through measures such as furloughs, layoffs, elimination of prior agreed upon cost of living increases, hiring freezes, and all other reasonable efforts to control labor, supply, and contractual service costs.

With the economy improving in the state, the trial courts had hoped that there would be a significant restoration of trial court funding by this time. However, the state's failure to provide substantial financial relief from years of unprecedented budget reductions, and the elimination of the court's fund balance carry-over, has necessitated these actions in order to continue to provide the most basic judicial services while continuing to function within our dramatically decreased funding level.

As a result, the court will continue to close at 2:30 p.m. on each Friday. In addition, the court plans to be closed on the following days:

- Wednesday, November 26, 2014
- Friday, December 26, 2014
- Friday, January 2, 2015

The court regrets having to continue this action and appreciates your understanding and cooperation. The continuation of the Friday schedule and the additional closure days is only now being taken after a great deal of consideration of its impact on our local community. The court believes, however, that this measure is unavoidable and necessary to maintain sound fiscal management during the current and extremely difficult budgetary situation. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (707) 299-1111 or [rick.feldstein@napa.courts.ca.gov](mailto:rick.feldstein@napa.courts.ca.gov).