



Superior Court
State of California
County of Lake
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COURT EXECUTIVE/CLERK
JURY COMMISSIONER

PUBLIC NOTICE
RE: COURT CLOSURES
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 68106 and
CALIFORNIA RULE OF COURT 10.620

September 14, 2011

Pursuant to the decision of the Executive Committee of the Superior Court of California, County of Lake, the court will close the court clerk's offices and all courtrooms for a total of thirteen (13) days in fiscal year 2011/12. These thirteen closure days will be unpaid furlough days for all employees, pursuant to Government Code section 68108.

Court Closure Dates in Fiscal Year 2011/12

NOTE: These court closure days are NOT judicial holidays for purposes of filing deadlines and other time calculations.

November 21, 2011
November 22, 2011
November 23, 2011 (*Note: November 24 & 25, 2011 are judicial holidays*)
December 27, 2011 (*Note: December 26, 2011 is a judicial holiday*)
December 28, 2011
December 29, 2011
December 30, 2011
January 6, 2012 (*The first Friday of each month, January through June, 2012.*)
February 3, 2012
March 2, 2012
April 6, 2012
May 4, 2012
June 1, 2012

There will be no staff available and no drop box service in Clearlake on the closure days. Any emergency matters or filings must be handled in Lakeport. There will be minimal staff available at the Lakeport courthouse to handle emergency matters only. For routine filings a drop box will also be available in Lakeport from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

One courtroom in Lakeport will remain open to hear all mandatory last-day criminal matters, in-custody criminal arraignments, juvenile detention hearings, and handle other emergency matters only. All other matters will be heard on the next available court date.

Over the last several years the court has seen significant budget reductions and corresponding reductions in staffing levels. The budget reduction in fiscal year 2011/12 is \$299,887 equivalent to a 6.7% reduction. The cumulative reduction to the court's budget since fiscal year 2009/10 is approximately 12%. The Lake Court has been historically underfunded and accordingly does not have sufficient reserves to offset these unsustainable budget reductions.

Please feel free to contact the court at (707) 263-2374 or (707) 994-6598 with any questions.

Note: Pursuant to California Rule of Court 10.620(f)(6), the court accepted public comment on the court closures from August 19, 2011 through September 12, 2011. However, no comments were received.