

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GENERAL ORDER No. 75

Temporary Suspension of Rules Regarding Personal Service  
by the United States Marshals Service During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California has declared a state of emergency and shelter-in-place in response to the spread of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and other public health authorities have advised taking precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease, it is hereby

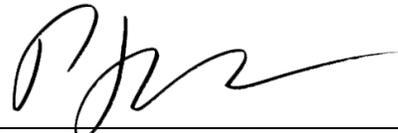
ORDERED by the United States District Court of the District of Northern California, that any requirement that personnel in the United States Marshals Service assigned to the Northern District of California effect personal service of process under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(c)(3), 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d), or 28 U.S.C. § 1916, for any cases pending in this District or any other district, is SUSPENDED until further Order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order does not apply to service of process by mail, waivers of service under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(d), or service by electronic means, unless otherwise ordered by the Court upon notification by the United States Marshals Service that effecting service of process by mail or electronic means as may be authorized by the California Rules of Civil Procedure – or any equivalent rule of civil procedure applicable to cases pending in any other district where United States Marshals Service personnel assigned to the Northern District of California have been ordered to effect personal service – would interfere with other critical functions they are performing in connection with responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and it is further

ORDERED that, in any civil case in which the United States Marshals Service has been ordered to serve process, the time for service under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m) is TOLLED until further Order of the Court.

ADOPTED: March 30, 2020

FOR THE COURT:



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PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON  
CHIEF JUDGE