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District Judge William H. Orrick



Location: [San Francisco](#)

Courtroom: Courtroom 2 – 17th Floor

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Civil Cases: Judge Orrick sees substantial cost-savings for the parties in continuing the use of Zoom for Case Management Conferences and Law and Motion hearings and will continue to use Zoom for these proceedings as the default for appearances. If the lawyers in a particular case wish to be heard in person, they should post a notice of intent to appear in person on ECF at least 48 hours before the hearing is scheduled. If only one side wishes to appear in person, Judge Orrick's courtroom has the technological capability to allow the other side to appear by Zoom. This is not a preferred way to proceed, but Judge Orrick will allow it on a case by case basis if necessary. Pre-trial conferences and any evidentiary hearings will be held in person.

Criminal Cases: Sentencing, Change of Plea, and any evidentiary hearings shall be in person. The only exception is that if the lawyers and defendant stipulate to appear by Zoom for good cause, Judge Orrick may allow it on a case by case basis. Such stipulations shall be filed at least 48 hours before the scheduled hearing. Status conferences and non-evidentiary motions may proceed by Zoom upon agreement by the lawyers and defendant. The parties shall post a notice on ECF at least 48 hours in advance of the agreement to a Zoom appearance for such hearings.

Weekly Court Calendar Schedule

Criminal Law & Motion	Thursdays	1:30 p.m.
Civil Law & Motion	Wednesdays	2:00 p.m.
Pretrial Conferences	Mondays	2:00 p.m.
Case Management Conferences	Tuesdays	2:00 p.m.

Standing Orders

Order	Effective Date	Download
Judge Orrick's Case Management Conference Order	May 25, 2023	 Judge Orrick's Case Management Conference Order PDF, 82.94 KB 
Judge Orrick's Civil Pretrial Order	August 23, 2023	 Judge Orrick's Civil Pretrial Order PDF, 175.72 KB 
Judge Orrick's Criminal Pretrial Order	August 23, 2023	 Judge Orrick's Criminal Pretrial Order PDF, 144.33 KB 
Judge Orrick's Juror Questionnaires & Social Media Research	August 23, 2023	 Judge Orrick's Juror Questionnaires & Social Media Research PDF, 108.75 KB 

Order 	Effective Date 	Download
Judge Orrick's Civil Standing Order	May 25, 2023	 Judge Orrick's Civil Standing Order PDF, 155.09 KB 
Judge Orrick's Standing Order For Criminal Cases	June 20, 2013	 Judge Orrick's Standing Order For Criminal Cases PDF, 24.08 KB 
Judge Orrick's Standing Order on Administrative Motions to Seal	September 1, 2022	 Judge Orrick's Standing Order on Administrative Motions to Seal PDF, 119.30 KB 
Standing Order For All Judges Of The Northern District Of California	November 30, 2023	 Standing Order For All Judges Of The Northern District Of California PDF, 86.54 KB 

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