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GENERAL NOTICE TO COUNSEL AND JUSTICE SYSTEM PARTNERS

Notice of Fee Changes

Effective January 1, 2012

As a result of the enactment of several pieces of legislation, the jurisdiction of the small claims court has been increased, with specified exceptions, and the maximum total fees collected from all plaintiffs in complex civil cases has been reduced. Additional information regarding these changes is provided below.

Per Senate Bill 221 (Stats. 2011, ch. 64):

- Code of Civil Procedure 116.221 specifies that the jurisdiction of the small claims court includes various actions in which the demand does not exceed \$7,500, with specified exceptions. As per the bill, the jurisdiction of the small claims court will be increasing that amount to \$10,000, except as specified.

In addition, per Senate Bill 384 (Stats. 2011, ch. 419):

- Government Code 70616 requires a \$550 fee to be paid by each plaintiff in a complex civil case with a maximum of \$10,000 total fees collected from all plaintiffs. As per the bill, only the payment of a single complex case fee on behalf of all plaintiffs will be required.

A revised statewide civil fee schedule is posted at the California Courts Web site:

<http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/documents/fee-schedule-010112.pdf>

and is also posted to the Santa Barbara Superior Court website:

http://www.sbcourts.org/general_info/fees/