

## Superior Court of California County of Mendocino

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Mr. Bill Girdner, Editor Courthouse News Service 30 N. Raymond, Third Floor Pasadena, CA 91103

RE: Request for a Press Review Queue

## Dear Mr. Girdner:

I write in response to your letter dated December 18, 2020 requesting that the Court establish a press review queue in our e-filing system. Please be advised that the Court is not prepared to do this at this time, as it would give the press access to filings even before they are accepted or rejected by the Court. We do not believe it is appropriate to share such filings before they become official court records.

The Court is implementing its new Mendocino Superior Court Case Information Portal at the same time e-filing is going live. The Portal link is found on the Court's website at <a href="https://www.mendocino.courts.ca.gov">www.mendocino.courts.ca.gov</a> and provides real-time access to every non-confidential case at the time it is accepted as an e-filing. You will be able to search for all publically available case information on this site with only a web browser.

The Portal contains case information, including parties, events and hearings, warrants, bonds, dispositions/judgments, and all imaged documents for public cases. If you want to download and purchase a document, you will need to register to enable this purchase and provide a credit card number. You can then download and save or print your purchased documents.

I believe that the Portal will give you everything you need for all non-confidential cases. If you find a confidential case or document on our Portal, we would appreciate you notifying us so that we can take measures to protect the filer's confidentiality.

Thank you for your interest in our court cases.

Very truly yours,

Kim Turner

Court Executive Officer