

Martha McLaughlin - RE: Media Inquiry: court filing time

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Can you tell me when the drop box was implemented, and when when the lag grew from two to six weeks?

From: Robert Sherman [mailto:Robert.Sherman@ventura.courts.ca.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2013 1:22 PM
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Saul:

I have listed the budget impacts to case processing at our court below.

- Due to ongoing budget reductions, the Ventura Superior Court is experiencing delays in the processing of new filings judgments, writs abstracts, renewal of judgments and assignment of judgments that has grown from two weeks to six weeks. The largest increase in backlogs are impacting new filings and judgments that now have to be dropped-off and then processed by back-office staff.
- Family Law new petitions and judgments are also required to be dropped-off for processing by back-office staff instead of public counter staff that has resulted in a two to five day delay in processing these documents.

Hope this helps.

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>>> Saul Sugarman <Saul_Sugarman@dailyjournal.com> 3/15/2013 11:39 AM >>>
Hello,

I'm writing a story focusing on delays on the Sacramento County Superior Court's filing process, and the headache it has caused lawyers. A similar story was in the Sacramento Business Journal last year:

<http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/print-edition/2012/09/28/court-cuts-havoc-lawyer-property-manager.html?page=all>

I'd like to bring in some statewide perspective. Has there been any difficulties with your court's filing process in the face of budget cuts in recent years? Or has your court improved?

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Thanks for any help. I'd love a comment for my 2:30 p.m. deadline TODAY, but please don't stress about this story if you're busy; I have a decent amount of content for it already.

Sincerely,

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