



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN RE:**

**ADOPTION OF AMENDED LOCAL RULE  
120**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 666**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Judges of the Eastern District of California, after the notice and comment period provided by 28 U.S.C. § 2071(b), adopt the attached Amended Local Rule 120 (Fed. R. Civ. P. 3), Sessions of Court – Intradistrict Venue.

This amended Local Rule is effective immediately.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 7, 2023.

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Mueller", written over a horizontal line.

**KIMBERLY J. MUELLER, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

## RULE 120 (Fed. R. Civ. P. 3)

### SESSIONS OF COURT - INTRADISTRICT VENUE

(a) **Sacramento and Fresno.** Court shall be in continuous session at Sacramento and Fresno. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 84, 132 et seq. The Court maintains libraries in Sacramento and Fresno which are open to attorneys admitted to practice in this Court and to persons appearing in propria persona in this Court, who may use the libraries in accordance with such General Orders as the Court may adopt. Persons using the libraries are directed to refrain from requesting legal advice.

(b) **Other Regular Sessions.** The Magistrate Judges also hold regular sessions in Bakersfield, Redding and Yosemite National Park.

(c) **Other Sessions.** Sessions of court may also be held at other places in the District as the Court requires.

(d) **Commencement of Actions.** All civil and criminal actions and proceedings of every nature and kind cognizable in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California arising in ~~Calaveras~~, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, ~~Stanislaus~~, Tulare, and Tuolumne counties shall be commenced in the United States District Court sitting in Fresno, California, and in Bakersfield, California, Yosemite National Park, or other designated places within those counties as the Court shall designate when appropriate for Magistrate Judge criminal proceedings. All civil and criminal actions and proceedings of every nature and kind cognizable in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California arising in Alpine, Amador, Butte, ~~Calaveras~~, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, ~~Stanislaus~~, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba counties shall be commenced in the United States District Court sitting Sacramento, California, and in Redding, California, or other designated places within those counties as the Court shall designate when appropriate for Magistrate Judge criminal proceedings.

(e) **Assignment of Actions.** All actions will be assigned in accordance with the Assignment Plan approved by the Court en banc and reproduced as Appendix A to these Rules.

(f) **Transfer.** Whenever in any action the Court finds upon its own motion, motion of any party, or stipulation that the action has not been commenced in the proper court in accordance with this Rule, or for other good cause, the Court may transfer the action to another venue within the District.

(g) **General Duty Judge.** The Chief Judge shall, from time to time, appoint a General Duty Judge. See L.R. 101.