

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**

In Re:

**MANDATORY FILING OF MOTIONS IN LIMINE IN
CRIMINAL CASES ON THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE
THE TRIAL DATE – UKIAH CASES ONLY**

**STANDING ORDER 2024-04
AMENDED September 26, 2024**

WHEREAS, to ensure fair and efficient jury trial proceedings, the court seeks to compel trial readiness from prosecutors and defense counsel in criminal cases set for jury trial;

WHEREAS, motions in limine require the court to make rulings on proposed evidence and witnesses that will further the goals of fairness and efficiency;

WHEREAS, motions in limine also afford counsel an opportunity to review their evidence and availability of witnesses before the first day of trial to ensure that will be no undue delays once the trial commences;


WHEREAS, the court seeks to avoid resetting cases that are assigned to the trial judge to other departments due to the time commitment of the jury trial.

NOW THEREFORE, the court orders motions in limine to be filed by the close of business on the **Tuesday** preceding the scheduled date of the jury trial. These motions in limine will be set for review and argument the next day, **Wednesday**, in the afternoon in each trial department.

It is so ordered.

This standing order shall expire on December 31, 2024.

Dated: 10/14/24



Hon. Keith Faulder, Presiding Judge
Superior Court of Mendocino County