



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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**EFFECTIVE MARCH 18, 2013**

## **NEW SMALL CLAIMS CASES TO BE FILED IN SIX 'HUB' LOCATIONS**

Effective March 18, 2013, all Los Angeles Superior Court small claims cases must be filed in a regional 'hub' courthouse: downtown Los Angeles (Stanley Mosk), Alhambra, Antelope Valley (Michael D. Antonovich), Downey, Inglewood, and Van Nuys (East building).

LASC will continue to adjudicate existing small claims cases where they were originally filed. An LASC court clerk will notify the litigants before LASC transfers any existing small claims cases to a hub courthouse or sets any new hearing dates.

Boundaries for new small claims case filing locations can be found under LASC Local Rule 2.3(a)(2) at [www.lasuperiorcourt.org](http://www.lasuperiorcourt.org). To determine whether to file a small claims case in Los Angeles County and which of the six Los Angeles County small claims hub courts will accept the case, litigants should read Los Angeles Superior Court Rule 2.3, Code of Civil Procedure Sections 392-395, 760.050, 872.110 and Civil Code Sections 1812.10 and 2984.4.

To assist parties filing small claims cases, LASC has posted additional information at each affected courthouse and on the court's website [www.lasuperiorcourt.org](http://www.lasuperiorcourt.org) (copy attached).

The small claims hub courthouses are located in:

- Alhambra Courthouse, 150 W. Commonwealth, Alhambra, 91801 (accepting small claims cases formerly filed in Glendale, Pasadena, East Los Angeles, El Monte, West Covina and Pomona Courthouses)

## Small Claims Cases

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- Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley Courthouse North, 42011 Fourth St. West, Lancaster 93534
- Downey Courthouse, 7500 E. Imperial Highway, Downey, 90242 (accepting small claims cases formerly filed in Bellflower, Compton, Huntington Park, Long Beach, Norwalk, San Pedro and Whittier Courthouses)
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# WHERE SHOULD I FILE MY SMALL CLAIMS CASE?

## 1. Should I file my small claims case in Los Angeles County or in another County?

You may file your small claim in Los Angeles County only if the claim arose in Los Angeles County. Los Angeles Superior Court Local Rule 2.3 explains how to make that determination and identifies the statutes that apply: Code of Civil Procedure Sections 392-395, 760.050, 872.110; and Civil Code Sections 1812.10 and 2984.4.

It is up to you to study these statutes and Rule 2.3 in order to determine whether your case arose in Los Angeles County. As a convenience, some of the law contained in these statutes is described very generally below.

### **Disputes over Ownership or Possession of Property**

Disputes involving ownership or possession of real or personal property generally arise in the county where the property is located or where the defendants, or any of them, reside. See Code of Civil Procedure Sections 392, 760.050, 872.110.

### **Contract Disputes**

Contract disputes generally arise in the county where the buyer, in fact, signed the contract or purchase order, where the buyer resided at the time the contract or purchase order was entered into or where the buyer resides at the commencement of the action. See Civil Code Sections 1984.4, 1812.10.

### **Injuries to Persons or Property**

Actions seeking damages for injuries to a person or to personal property generally arise in the county where the injury occurs or the county where the defendants, or some of them, reside at the commencement of the action. See Code of Civil Procedure Section 395.

## **2. Where in Los Angeles County Should I File My Case?**

Local Rule 2.3 of the Los Angeles County Court Rules directs you to file your case in the “nearest or most accessible courthouse where the court hears” small claims matters. In Los Angeles County, the places where the court hears small claims matters are the six small claims hub courts located in the Downey, Alhambra, Stanley Mosk (Downtown Los Angeles), Van Nuys East, and Inglewood courthouses.

The “nearest or most accessible” hub court depends on the nature of your claim and how the claim arose. Los Angeles Superior Court Local Rule 2.3 explains how to identify the hub court that will hear your case and specifies the statutes that apply: Code of Civil Procedure Sections 392-395, 760.050, 872.110; and Civil Code Sections 1812.10 and 2984.4.

Set forth below, for your convenience, is a very general description of some of the law contained in these statutes and a table of Postal Zip Codes. It is up to you to study these statutes and Los Angeles Court Rule 2.3 to determine where to file your small claims action.

### **Real Property**

In general, claims involving disputes over real property belong in the hub courthouse that is the “nearest or most accessible” to the place (identified by Postal Zip Code) where the real property is located or where the defendants, or any of them, reside at the commencement of the action. See Code of Civil Procedure Sections 392, 760.050, 872.110.

### **Contract Cases**

Actions based on contracts should generally be filed the hub courthouse that is “nearest or most accessible” to the place (identified by Postal Zip Code) where the buyer in fact signed the contract, where the buyer resided when the contract was entered into, or where the buyer resides at the commencement of the action. See Civil Code of Civil Procedure Section 395(b) and Civil Code Sections 1812.10, 2984.4.

## Personal Injuries and injuries to property

Claims for personal injury or injury to property are generally filed in the courthouse "nearest or most accessible" to the place (identified by Postal Zip Code) where the injury occurred or where the defendants, of some of them reside at the commencement of the action. See Code of Civil Procedure Section 395.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**General Order Re: Small Claims - New Hub Locations**

Pursuant to the authority set forth in Rule 10.603 of the California Rules of Court, and as authorized by resolutions of the Los Angeles Superior Court Executive Committee on March 21, 2012, and on February 20, 2013, acting pursuant to Local Rule 1.7(a), it is hereby ordered as follows:

Effective March 18, 2013, any Local Rule directing the filing of any small claims cases, and specifying the site location of such cases are hereby suspended, and such cases shall be filed and adjudicated at the sites as set forth herein.

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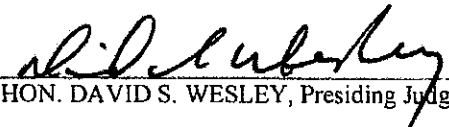
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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 2/28/13

  
HON. DAVID S. WESLEY, Presiding Judge

<b>Downtown Los Angeles</b>	<b>Downey</b>	<b>Inglewood</b>	<b>Van Nuys East</b>	<b>Alhambra</b>	<b>Lancaster</b>
Stanley Mosk Courthouse 110 North Grand Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90012	Downey Courthouse 7500 East Imperial Highway, Downey, CA 90242	Inglewood Courthouse One Regent Street, Inglewood, CA 90301	Van Nuys East Courthouse 6230 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401	Alhambra Courthouse 150 West Commonwealth, Alhambra, CA 91801	Michael Antonovich Courthouse 42011 4th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534
<b>90001 (all others)</b>	<b>90001 (Hunt. Pk.)</b>				
<b>90002 (all others)</b>	<b>90002 (Lynwood)</b>				
<b>90003-90007</b>					
		<b>90008-90009</b>			
<b>90010-90021</b>					
				<b>90022</b>	
<b>90023 (LA City)</b>	<b>90023 (Vernon)</b>			<b>90023 (County area)</b>	
		<b>90024-90025</b>			
<b>90026-90033</b>					
		<b>90034-90035</b>			
<b>90036-90037</b>					
<b>90038 (all others)</b>		<b>90038 (W.Hwood)</b>			
<b>90039</b>					
	<b>90040 (All others)</b>			<b>90040 (City of Commerce)</b>	
<b>90041-90042</b>					
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<b>90044 (LA City)</b>		<b>90044 (County area)</b>			
		<b>90045-90046</b>			
<b>90047 (LA City)</b>		<b>90047 (All others)</b>			
		<b>90048-90049</b>			
<b>90050-90055</b>					
<b>90056 (LA City)</b>		<b>90056 (All others)</b>			
<b>90057</b>					
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<b>90059 (LA City)</b>	<b>90059 (County area)</b>				
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	<b>90239-90242</b>				
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	<b>90247 (LA City)</b>	<b>90247 (Gardena)</b>			
	<b>90248 (LA City)</b>	<b>90248 (All others)</b>			
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		<b>90301-90398</b>			
		<b>90401-90411</b>			
	<b>90501 (LA City)</b>	<b>90501 (Torrance)</b>			
	<b>90502</b>				
		<b>90503-90510</b>			
	<b>90601 (All others)</b>			<b>90601 (Industry)</b>	
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				91201-91226	
		91301 (Malibu Lake)	91301 (All others)		
			91302-91313		
			91316		
			91321-91322		
			91324-91337		
			91340-91346		
			91350 (All others)		91350(Aqua Dulce, Green Valley)
			91351-91377		
			91380-91388		
			91390 (All others)		91390 (Aqual Dulce)
			91392-91499		
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				91788 (West Covina)	
				91789 (Industry - West Covina)	

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			93532 (Sandberg)		93532 (All others)
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