

Honorable Allison H. Goddard
Criminal Pretrial Procedures
(Updated 3/18/2026)

Inquiries on Criminal Matters

Judge Goddard's Courtroom Deputy, Trina Lee, handles all inquiries on criminal matters. Her telephone number is (619) 557-7749.

Criminal Calendar

Criminal calendars are heard on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Counsel should advise the Courtroom Deputy of any scheduling conflicts or requests for priority in advance of the hearing.

Inclusive Courtroom

The Court is committed to fostering an inclusive and respectful courtroom environment for all participants. To that end, counsel are requested, where appropriate, to advise the courtroom deputy in advance of their client's preferred name and pronouns so that the Court may address all individuals in a manner consistent with their identity.

Motions To Modify Bond

The Court prefers that parties file a written motion rather than request a bond hearing. If the request is urgent, counsel may contact the Court's CRD to request a hearing date.

Presentation of Bond Documents

Counsel must present all bond documents in the form approved by the Court to Judge Goddard's CRD for review before bringing them to chambers. See Crim.LR. 46.1 for more information. The bond documents must include a copy of the Court's Order of Conditions of Release applicable to the defendant.

Material Witness bonds must include a notation, in the upper right hand corner of the bond, of the arraignment date and the initials of counsel for the material witness. Material witness bonds must also be presented to Judge Goddard's CRD for review.

Nebbia and Surety Examination Hearings

Nebbia and surety examinations will be heard only if calendared in advance with no less than 24 hours notice to the Court, all parties and the Pretrial Services Office. Defense counsel must provide the Court's CRD and the United States Attorney's Office with a copy of the proposed bail package, including in the case of a property bond, title documents, appraisals, bank loan statements and other relevant documents, 24 hours in advance of the hearing. With prior approval of the Court, out-of-state sureties may appear by telephone if they are accompanied by a notary to whom they can present a driver's license or other suitable identification.

Misdemeanor Sentencings

In Class A Misdemeanor cases, counsel shall file a sentencing summary chart and/or sentencing memorandum no later than 2 days before the sentencing hearing or change of plea hearing.