

# COMPLEX CIVIL LITIGATION IN RIVERSIDE SUPERIOR COURT

## COMPLEX LITIGATION DEPARTMENT

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Department 1 has been designated as Riverside Superior Court's principal complex litigation department. All complex cases filed in Riverside Superior Court will be assigned to Department 1 for all purposes, including trial.

This applies to complex cases filed in all of the court's three geographical divisions: Western (Riverside), Mid-County (Murrieta), and Eastern (Palm Springs).

It applies both to pending complex cases and to complex cases to be filed in the future. Exceptions may be allowed for existing cases if the judge to whom a case had been previously assigned has invested so much time in the case that the judge believes that judicial economy would best be served by retaining that case.

The following types of cases are presumed to be "complex" unless the Court rules otherwise in a particular instance:

- All construction defect cases
- All class action cases
- All JCCP coordinated cases
- All cases otherwise determined by the Court to be complex
- All cases designated as provisionally complex by either a plaintiff or a defendant.
- All insurance coverage claims arising out of any of the claims listed above.

If any party believes that a particular case is not likely to be a complex case as defined in California Rules of Court, rule 3.400(a)), that issue should be raised at the first case management conference or status conference.

All PAGA cases – i.e., cases brought under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act of 2004 (Lab. Code, § 2698, *et seq.*) – are assigned to the complex department, but are not automatically designated as complex under California Rules of Court, rule 3.400.

All cases brought under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) are also assigned to the complex department, but are not likely to be designated as complex under California Rules of Court, rule 3.400.

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