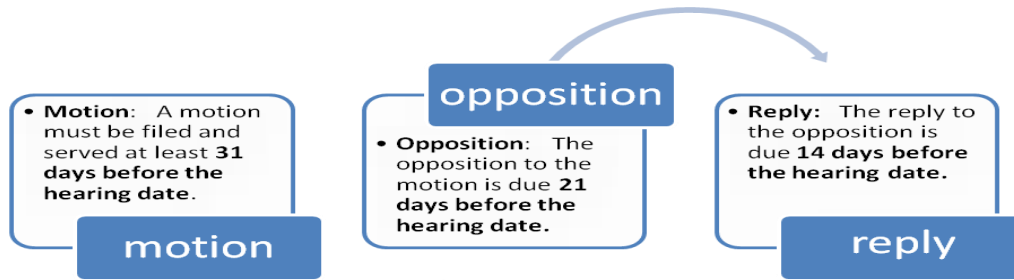


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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA: WESTERN DIVISION

■ WHEN WILL THE COURT RULE ON A MOTION? ■



Motion Hearing Date:

The Court often cancels the motion hearing and decides the motion based on written filings. **The Court has 120 days after a motion has been “submitted” to make a ruling on the motion.**

What does “submitted” mean? The definition of “submitted” depends on whether the Court held a hearing on the motion or if it decided to cancel the hearing to make a decision based only on the written filings.

If the motion hearing was canceled, your motion was “submitted” on the last day the opposing side was permitted by the Court to file a reply to your motion. The Court must rule on your motion 120 days after this date.

If a hearing was held on the motion, your motion was “submitted” on the date the Court announces on the record in open court that the motion has been submitted for decision. The Court must rule on your motion 120 days after this date.

120 Days

130 Days

130 days after the motion has been “submitted,” **you** must file, along with opposing counsel, a document entitled **“joint request”** for a decision to be made without further delay. File this document with the Civil Intake Division.

A copy of your joint request must be sent to the Chief Judge of the Court.

160 Days

The Court **has 30 days after the “joint request”** to tell you in writing when a decision will be made regarding your motion.

190 Days

If the Court still does not respond to the “joint request” after 30 days, you must file another “joint request” with the Chief Judge. Also file this request with the Civil Intake Division. The Chief Judge is then required to set a final date in which the motion must be decided on.