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NOTICE RE NEW PILOT PROGRAM FOR TRAILING UNLIMITED CIVIL TRIALS

The Superior Court is pleased to announce a new pilot program for trailing trials in unlimited civil cases. Currently, when a courtroom is not available on the Monday morning trial date, the attorneys or their parties are required to remain at the courthouse during the court day until noon on Wednesday, when a new trial date may be assigned.

Beginning Monday, September 8, 2008, at the request of Orange County bar leaders, the following pilot program will begin: The attorneys or their parties whose cases are not immediately assigned to a trial courtroom will be required to remain in the courthouse Monday. Beginning Tuesday, however, they may be placed on a one-hour call. The one-hour call order may remain in effect until the close of the court day on Thursday, at which time a new trial date may be assigned.

This pilot program is to remain in effect until further notice. After six-months, the program will be reviewed for attorney and court success and satisfaction criteria, with an eye toward making it the court's ongoing policy.