



Date: June 9, 2020

From: AIA Surety Team

Re: **REPEAL OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY BAIL SCHEDULE**

On June 8, 2020, the Chairs of the California Judicial Council's six internal committees issued a Circulating Order Memorandum to the Judicial Council that recommends the repeal of the April 6, 2020 Judicial Council COVID-19 Emergency Bail Schedule, which established a statewide bail schedule that set presumptive bail at \$0 for most misdemeanors and lower-level felonies. (Cal. Rules of Court, Emergency Rule 4.)

The Memorandum recommends that the Judicial Council:

1. Repeal the COVID-19 Emergency Bail Schedule (\$0 bail), effective June 20, 2020
2. Direct the superior courts that upon repeal:
 - a. The countywide bail schedule that was in effect on April 5, 2020, becomes effective unless the court adopts a revised bail schedule; and
 - b. Bail is not required to be reset for any person for whom bail was set in accordance with the COVID-19 Emergency Bail Schedule.
3. Support the action of the Chief Justice to rescind the provision in her March 30, 2020 order in which she authorized courts to extend the time period within which a defendant with a felony offense must be taken before a magistrate from 48 hours to not more than seven days.

Click here for the full text of the Memorandum: <https://bit.ly/2XQXhhL>.

We believe that the Judicial Council will vote to follow these recommendations, resulting in the repeal of the COVID-19 Emergency Bail Schedule (\$0 bail), effective June 20 and that most if not all counties will return to their countywide bail schedules that were in effect on April 5. We will provide an update once we know the Judicial Council's decision by June 10.

Please do not hesitate to contact our team with any questions whatsoever at 800.935.2245. Also, do not forget to visit our COVID-19 update site for more information and updates: <https://www.iasurety.com/covid-19/>.